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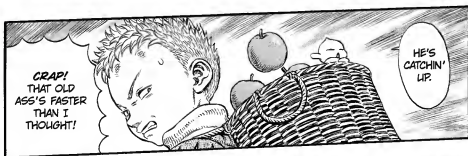


*FX JUMP

*banner FOOD PROCUREMENT SQUAD



*FX CLOPPA CLOPPA



*FX MHHRRN

*FX SCATTER

*FX SPRING

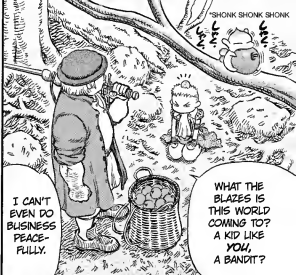


"SHONK SHONK SHONK"



*FX. TOSS

*FX. PAP





YOU
ROTTEN
SCOUNDRELL!

FLINCH

BLOP BLOP

HA HA

ZHA



HAND 'EM ALL OVER,
STINGY BASTARD.
GROWING BOYS NEED
NOURISHMENT.

TA BULL-
HEADED...

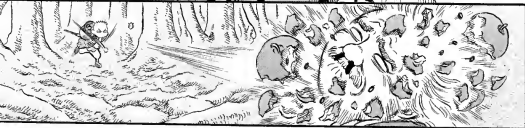
TWITCH TWITCH

Eh. Eh.



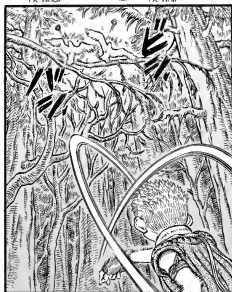
I'LL TIE
YOU UP
AND TOSS
YOU IN THE
RIVER!!

YOU WON'T
GET AWAY
WITH THIS,
YOU LITTLE
BRAAAAT!!



FISHIN',
HUH? NO
THANKS.

*FX: EEHRRRN CHOMP CHOMP

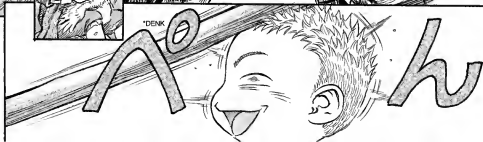
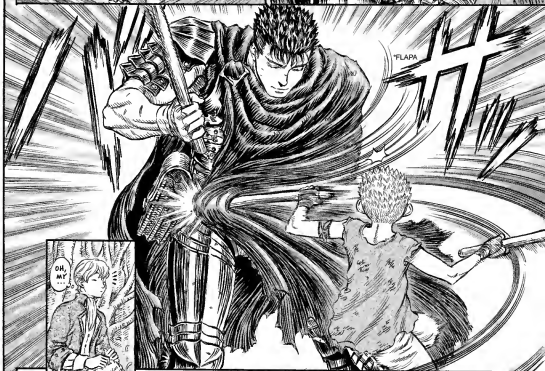


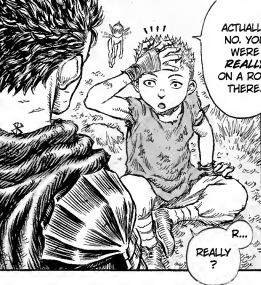


*FX: GLENCH

*FX: ZHAAAAAH







ACTUALLY,
NO. YOU
WERE
REALLY
ON A ROLL
THERE.

R...
REALLY
?



SON
OF A
BITCH!
I KNEW
IT!

AN ELF'S
WORK IS
NEVER
DONE



WIELDING
WITH BOTH
HANDS SO
YOU CAN
FEINT WAS
ALSO A
GOOD IDEA.

USE YOUR SMALL
SIZE TO YOUR
ADVANTAGE AND
ATTACK FROM
BELOW, 'CAUSE
MOST FIGHTERS
DON'T EXPECT
LOW BLOWS.



ABOUT
WHAT?

HEY.
YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THIS?

YOU'D BEST
LAND YOUR
LAST STRIKE
WHERE YOU
CAN SEE
GARMENTS.
IT'D BE
IMPOSSIBLE
TO PEN-
ETRATE
ARMOR
WITH YOUR
STRENGTH.



BUT IF YOU
ONLY ATTACK
FROM BELOW,
YOUR ENEMIES'LL
GET USED TO IT.
YOU NEED A PLAN
THEY CAN'T SEE
THROUGH.

UHH-
HUUH...



.....



YEAH,
BUT...!

AREN'T YOU
LAYIN' THE
GROUNDWORK
EVERY DAY
?

YOU SURE ABOUT A NOVICE LIKE *ME* LEARNIN' THESE KINDS OF IMPROVISED TACTICS?

AIN'T TRAININ'
ABOUT PRACTICIN'
BASICS FOR A
LONG TIME
BEFORE LEARNIN'
TECHNIQUES
AND STUFF?

THEN HOW
'BOUT THE
TRADITIONAL
SCHOOL OF
DIPLOMACY
GUNS?

EVERYTHING ABOUT US IS DIFFERENT, INCLUDING FIGHTING STYLES.

FOR
STARTERS,
YOU WON'T
GET ANY-
WHERE
IMITATIN'
ME, RIGHT
?



TALK ABOUT
PATIENT.

*TMP
ト
*TMP
ト

OR DO YOU
PLAN TO WAIT
AND TRAIN
FOR DECADES
TO BECOME
SOME MASTER
BEFORE GOIN'
OUT TO THE
BATTLEFIELD?



IN
THAT
CASE

...ALL YOU CAN DO IS WORK WITH WHAT YOU'VE CURRENTLY GOT.

YOU
BET
YOUR
ASS I
DON'T
!!

 γ_{red} 

YOU DON'T JUST HAVE ONE OPPONENT, AND THERE'S ARROWS AND CANNONBALLS FLYIN' AROUND. YOU CAN'T SURVIVE ONLY ON SWORD SKILLS. THAT SAID, IT AIN'T UNCOMMON FOR SOME HALF-ASSED MASTER TO GET SWARMED AND KILLED BY SOME GANG WANTIN' TO GET FAMOUS.

BESIDES, A BATTLEFIELD'S DIFFERENT FROM EXHIBITION GAMES.

ISN'T THAT...

...HOW YOU'VE MADE IT THIS FAR?

I TOLD YOU ALREADY. STRAIN WHAT FEW WITS YOU HAVE AND THINK FOR YOURSELF.

THEN, HOW DO YOU...

THAT WAS COOOOLD.

ON THAT NOTE, ELF DIMENSION STYLE IS ONE OF FORCE, MAN TO MAN...

RATHER KIND OF YOU.

WOULD YOU MIND JOINING ME IN GATHERING FIREWOOD ?

FEH!



FX ZHAAAAAH

...YOU
WON'T
EVER
DO 'EM!

IF YOU
WON'T DO
THINGS
WHEN YOU
CAN...

YOU
AREN'T
READY
YET...!

ISIDRO,
STOP
THIS!

FOR ME!!!



...ON A
BATTLEFIELD
SINCE THE
TIME I RAN
OUT ON THE
VILLAGE.

THINKIN'
ABOUT IT,
MAYBE I'VE
BEEN...

I'LL BE
THE ONE
WHO USES
THEM!!

IT WAS
CARELESS
OF ME TO
RELY ON
OTHERS!

ME IN
GOVERNMENT
SERVICE?
A COURT
SERVANT?
NO
THANKS!

*SPURTS
SPURTS
SPURTS

HEH!
WHAT A
LAUGH.

HOW
PRETENTIOUS
FOR A
GREENHORN



'DRO.

IN THE FIRST PLACE,
JUST WHATTA YOU
PLAN TO DO ONCE
YOU LEARN THE
SWORD FROM ME?
GOVERNMENT SERVICE
OR SOMETHIN'?

I... I
LOST...

GO ON, RELY.
AS YOUR
MASTER, I'LL
SPOIL YOU
PLENTY.

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO BE SO
OBSTINATE...

COME,
LEAP INTO
THESE ARMS,
MY SON.

*FX: PISSED

QUIT
READIN'
PEOPLES'
MONO-
LOGUES!

A
DISCIPLE
HAS NO
PRIVACY
!

...OR RISIN' UP
IN SOCIETY!!
WHAT I'M
AFTER IS...

LISTEN UP!
WHAT I'M AFTER
AIN'T AS PETTY AS
COURT SERVICE...

...ULTIMATE
SWORDSMAN
!!!

DRO'S (CURRENT) PLAN

*DAZZLE

ULTIMATE

...BEIN'
THE...

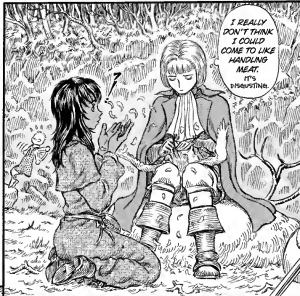
*YEAH!!





*FX: TWITCH

*FX: WHEWWW





*FX HYYN





...I AM
THINKING
HOW NICE
IT WOULD
BE IF
YOU DIED.

TO BE
PERFECTLY
FRANK...



THERE'S
THAT FACE
AGAIN,
FINALLY.

HEH!

*FX: POK



...THIS
IS WHAT
SHE
HERSELF
WISHES.

HOW-
EVER...

IF I COULD,
I WOULD
LIKE TO
MAKE HER
ABANDON
THIS
RECKLESS
JOURNEY
AT ONCE.

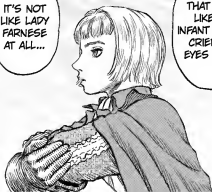


BY GOING
ALONG WITH
YOU, LADY
FARNESE IS
EXPOSED
TO DANGER.



I DO NOT
KNOW THAT
DEFENSE-
LESS
SIDE
OF HER.

IT'S NOT
LIKE LADY
FARNESE
AT ALL...



THAT FACE,
LIKE AN
INFANT THAT'S
CRIED ITS
EYES OUT...





EE
EE
EX!



WHAT
HAP-
PENED
?!

WHAT
THE--
?!



*FX TAP TMP



A BRI-
GAND
?!

BASTARD!

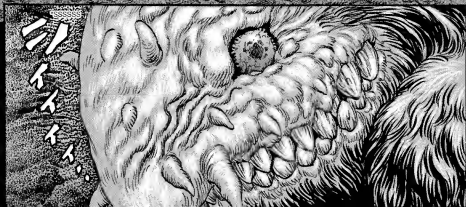
ZHA

THA

NOOOO!!

Auu!!







WHAT
IS THAT
THING...?!

WHOA!

WHOA!



...A T-
TROLL
?!



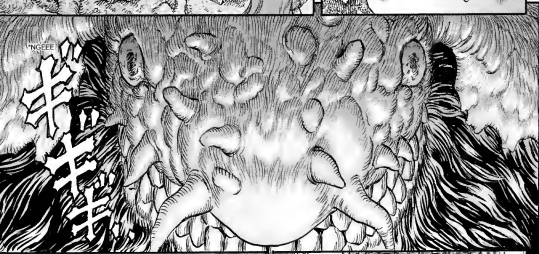
IT'S
TROLLS.

BUT IT
AIN'T
HUMANS
UP
THERE.



...THAT'S
...

YOU
MEAN...



NEW
SPECIES
OF APE

UGHH,
GROSS.

SQUEEZE



NO,
WAIT.



*FX SNATCH



H-
HERE IT
COMES,
SIDRO.
STONES,
STONES!

WE
SHOULD
HURRY
AND GET
AWAY...!!



WHEN
YOU LOOK
CLOSE, IT'S
NOT BUILT
ALL THAT
BIG...

JUST ONE
ENEMY.



WHA-
HEY?!

I'LL
TAKE IT
!!!

RIGHT!



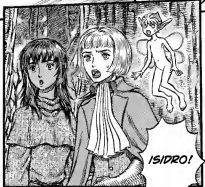
**FALCON OF THE MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC
THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER**

THE WITCH

魔 女

BERSERK





ISIDRO!



*FX. CRACK!

*ARR ARR



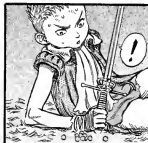
IT AIN'T
NEARLY
AS SLOW
AS IT
LOOKS!!

WHAT
THE
HELL?!



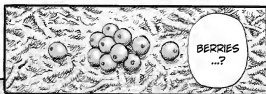


*FX PSH



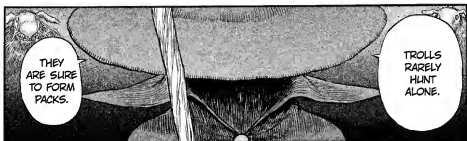
*FX SPRING

*FX GYAW

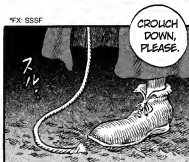








*FX: SSSF



*FX: HYNN





WHATEVER
HAPPENS
...

LISTEN
CLOSELY.



...YOU MUST
NOT EXIT
OR DISTURB
THIS CIRCLE.



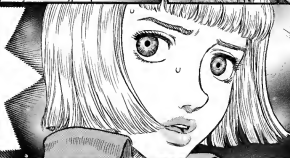
IT'S
MAGIC
!

WH-
WHAT IS
THIS?

...IS A
MAGIC
RITUAL!

THIS...

MAGIC
...?!



THEN
DOES THAT
MEAN...?!





AN
ELF!!

ONE
A' ME!
WOWEE!

Ha Ha Ha

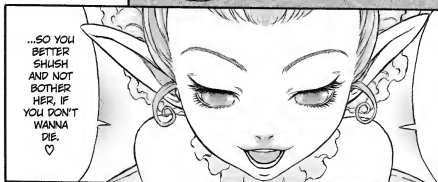


THAT'S
WHAT IT
MEANS.

THAAAT'S
RIGHT!

SHE'S A
WITCH!

ケヨイ
*Z.MP.



...SO YOU
BETTER
SHUSH
AND NOT
BOTHER
HER, IF
YOU DON'T
WANNA
DIE.
♡

WHAT SHE'S
CHANTIN'
RIGHT NOW
IS A SPELL
TO PROTECT
ALL YOU
FROM THE
SHAGGIES...



SEHE-
HYEH.

ADONAI
TSABAUT.



ARGRAH.



*SWISS
Z.MP.

*SWISS
Z.MP.

YESS
RIGHT YOU
REBEL.

WHA!
WHAT'S
HIS
DEAL?

I'VE
MISSED
THAT!

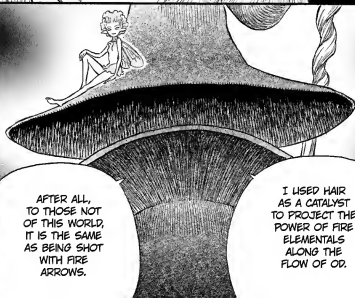
HE
SHLINK!

WHA!





"FX ZHA ZHA ZHA"



AFTER ALL,
TO THOSE NOT
OF THIS WORLD,
IT IS THE SAME
AS BEING SHOT
WITH FIRE
ARROWS.

I USED HAIR
AS A CATALYST
TO PROJECT THE
POWER OF FIRE
ELEMENTALS
ALONG THE
FLOW OF OD.



*FX: GLOMP



*FX: WOOP

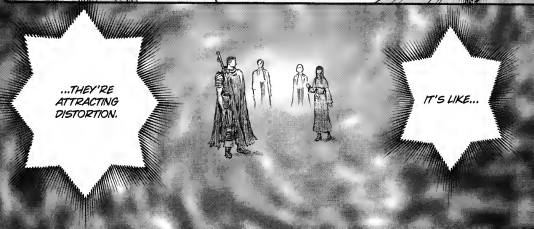
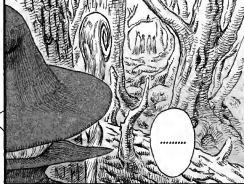


*FX: SWAP









THAT DAMN
WITCH KID!
OOK!

SON'VA
BITCH!
OOK!

*FX OOK

YES.
THANKS TO
YOU, OUR
TWO WOMEN
WERE SAFE.

GOOD
JOB, FOR
YOU.

I AIN'T
SATISFIED!
OOK!

WHEN'LL
I GO
BACK TO
NORMAL?
OOK!

THANKS
A LOT.

...IN THE END,
YOU WERE
SAVED BY WITCH
GIRL, TOO,
MONKICHI.

WELL...

OOK!
QUIT THAT!
YOU TELLIN' ME THAT
MAKES ME FEEL
ALL CREEPY!
OOK!

*FX: EEEE!

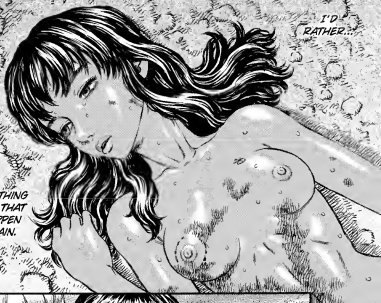
YOU
WITH YOUR
SPEECH
IMPEDE-
MENT!

WHO'S
A MON-
KICHI?!
OOK!

I MEAN IT...



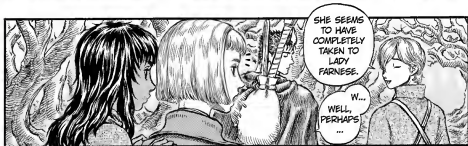
...NOTHING
LIKE THAT
HAPPEN
AGAIN.



I'D
RATHER...



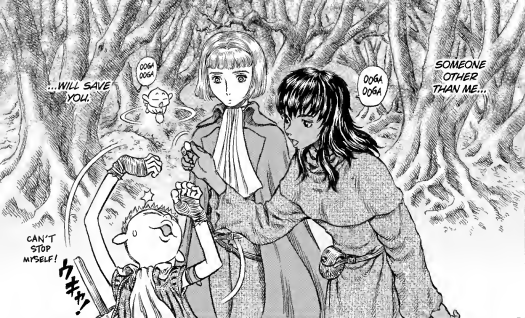
"SCOOT
~ ~ ~"



SHE SEEMS
TO HAVE
COMPLETELY
TAKEN TO
LADY
FARNESE.

W...
WELL,
PERHAPS
...





...WILL SAVE
YOU.

DOGA
DOGA

DOGA
DOGA

SOMEONE
OTHER
THAN ME...

CAN'T
STOP
MYSELF!

ハキヤ!

*FX. OOOKEE!



FOR NOW,
THAT'S FINE.



I WOULD...

...ONLY
HURT YOU.



TH-THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.
YOU SAVED
ME.

WHAT IN
THE WORLD
HAPPENED
?

WE'RE
NOT
GONNA
EATCHA.

HERE, HOLD
STILL.

THE SUN'S
STILL HIGH,
ANYWAY.

FINE BY
ME.

IS THERE
ANY WAY
WE CAN
SEE HIM
THERE?

THERE
WERE FIVE
OTHERS
WITH ME,
BUT THEY
ALL...

WE WERE
ATTACKED
BY
TROLLS.

YOU WILL
NEVER MAKE
IT BACK
ALONE WITH
THOSE
INJURIES.

MY VILLAGE
IS ABOUT
AN HOUR
FROM
HERE.

ARE
YOU FROM
AROUND
HERE, SIR?

THE
TROLLS,
HMM...?

...BUT THIS
AREA HAS
FOR A LONG
TIME HELD
MANY LEGENDS
OF FAIRIES,
WITCHES,
AND THE
LIKE.

I AM FROM
ENOCH
VILLAGE.
I'M
MORGAN.

AS
TRAVELERS,
YOU MIGHT
NOT KNOW
THIS...

THERE
IS SOME-
WHERE I
ABSOLUTELY
MUST GO
FIRST.

I
APOLO-
GIZE, BUT
I CANNOT
RETURN
HOME
JUST
YET...

?



CURSED
NIGHT?

...UNTIL
THAT CURSED
NIGHT
CAME.



...THERE WERE
SOME WHO SAID
THEY HAD ACTUALLY
SEEN THEM. BUT
THERE HAD BEEN
NO HARD PROOF,
AND EVEN AMONG
NATIVES THERE
WERE NOT MANY
WHO BELIEVED
THE LEGENDS
THROUGH AND
THROUGH...

ALTHOUGH
THAT IS THE
REALM OF
FABLE AND
FOLKLORE...



JUST LIKE
THEY HAD
FALLEN OUT
OF A TALE...

...A PACK
OF TROLLS
ATTACKED THE
VILLAGE.

THE FIRST
NIGHT OF
WINTER...

...THEY
EMERGED
FROM THE
DARKNESS.



AS IF
ALL THAT
HAD BEEN
BEFORE
WAS A LIE...



YES, EVER
SINCE THAT
NIGHT IT'S
LIKE THE
WHOLE
WORLD HAS
CHANGED.



NOT ONLY
DO THEY RUIN
THE FIELDS
AND STEAL
LIVESTOCK...

THEY EVEN
CARRY OFF
OUR
WOMEN AND
CHILDREN.



A LEGEND
FOR A
LEGEND...



NOW WE
ARE RAIDED
BY CREATURES
OF LEGEND...
IT IS JUST
A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE
THE VILLAGE IS
WIPED OUT!

BECAUSE OF
THE WAR WITH
THE KUSHAN,
HEAVY TAXES
ARE IMPOSED
ON THE PEOPLE.
ENOCH VILLAGE
WAS POOR TO
BEGIN WITH, AND
IT WILL BE ALL
WE CAN DO NOT
TO STARVE TO
DEATH THIS
WINTER!



...WOULD HE
EVER SEND
SOLDIERS
FOR SUCH
NONSENSE
LIKE
TROLLS?!

EVEN
IF WE
WERE
TO TELL
HIM...

OUR LORD
HAS BEEN
DISPATCHED
TO VRITANNIS,
AND THE
CASTLE IS NOW
EMPTY.

THEN DO
YOU PLAN
TO APPEAL
DIRECTLY
TO YOUR
LORD?

THEN
WHAT'LL
YOU DO
?



WE THOUGHT
WE WOULD
REQUEST
HELP FROM
A WITCH.

A WITCH!



A
WITCH
...?!



...BUT OF
OLD THERE
SOMETIMES
HAVE BEEN
CHILDREN WHO
CLAIMED THEY
SAW IT.

IN ANY CASE,
THE VILLAGERS
ARE TOO
AFRAID TO
GO NEAR...

ONLY
THOSE THE
MISTRESS OF
THE MANSION
WILLS MAY
REACH THAT
PLACE...

IT IS SAID
THAT DEEP IN
THIS FOREST
LIVES A WITCH
IN HER
MANSION.



EVENTUALLY
WE WERE
UNLUCKY
ENOUGH TO
FIND TROLLS
...

SO THERE'S
A WITCH'S
SPELL CAST
ON THIS
FOREST?

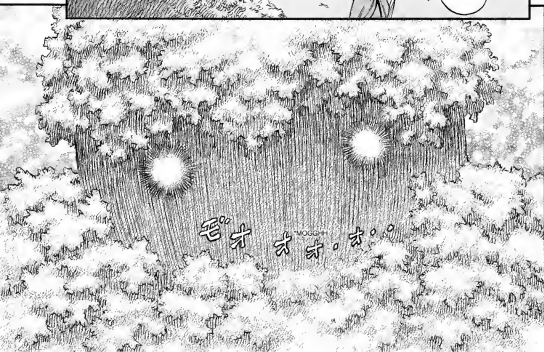
WE ALREADY
SEARCHED THE
FOREST FOR
FIVE DAYS BUT
COULD NOT
FIND ANYTHING
LIKE THAT...



THEN
WOULDN'T IT
BE A WASTE
OF TIME NO
MATTER HOW
LONG YOU
SEARCHED
?

*FX: WSSS







THIS OLD
FAMILIAR
FEELING
...

WHAT'S
THIS?



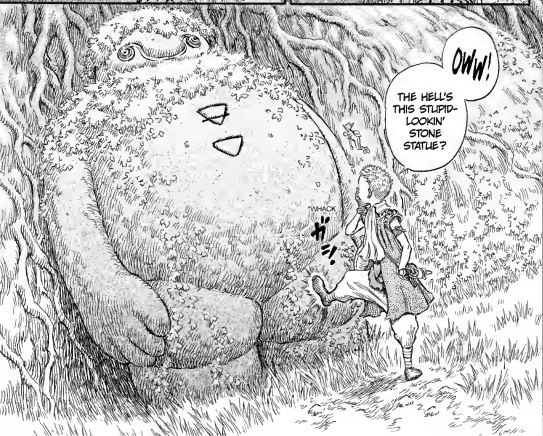
! WH-
WHAT
THE
HELL
...?!

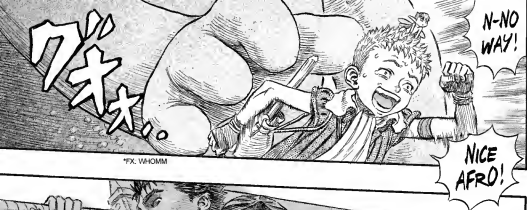






*FX WHUMP









FX ZMM



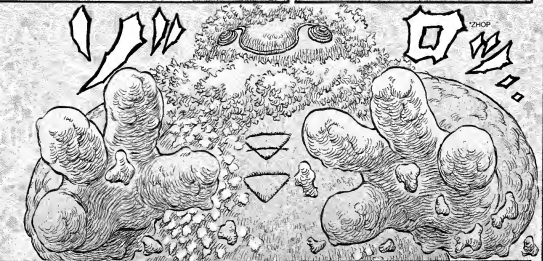
MR.
MORGAN
!!

W-WAIT,
PLEASE!
LISTEN
TO...!!



KEEP
BACK,
MISTER
!!

THESE
THINGS
WON'T
LISTEN TO
TALK!!

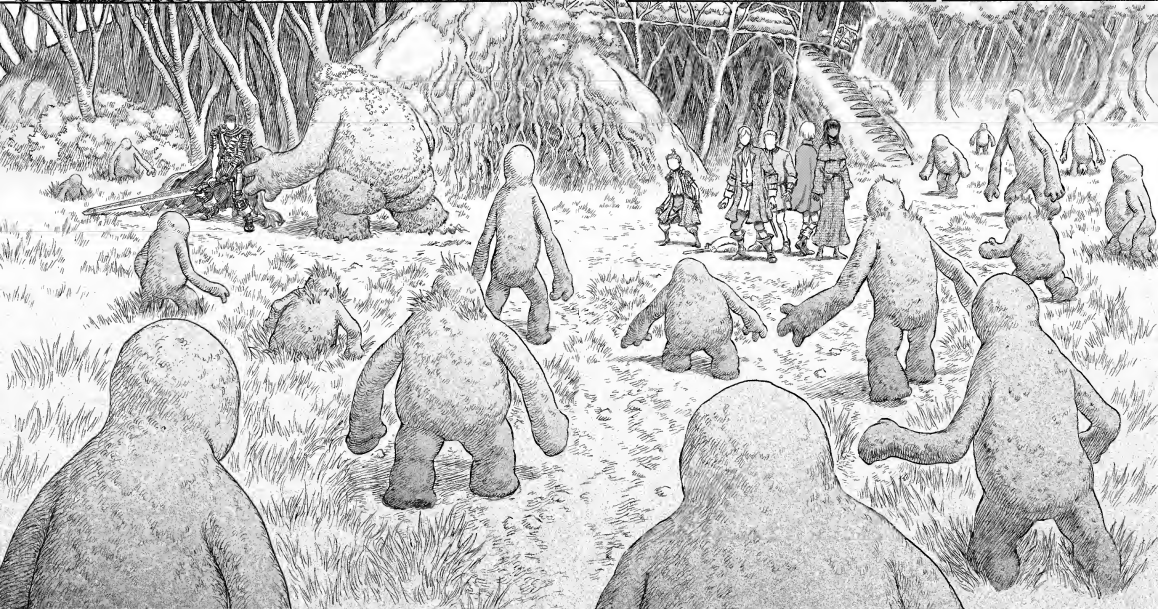


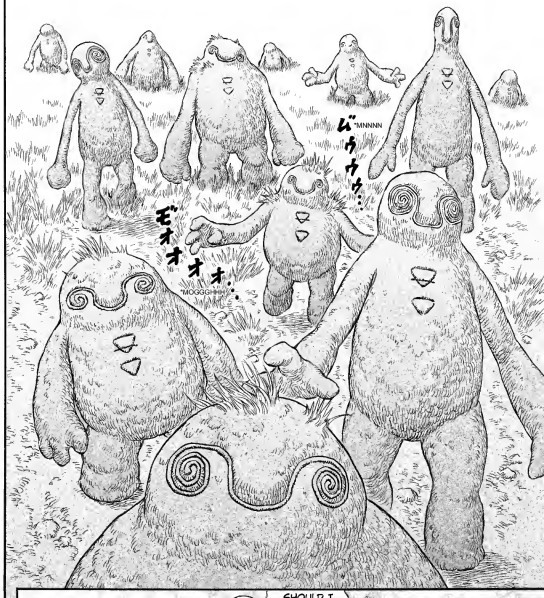
NO,
SOMETHING'S
DIFFERENT...

DEAD
SPIRITS
...?
APOSTLE
MINIONS
?!



GEH!
THEY GREW
BACK!



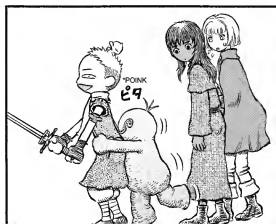
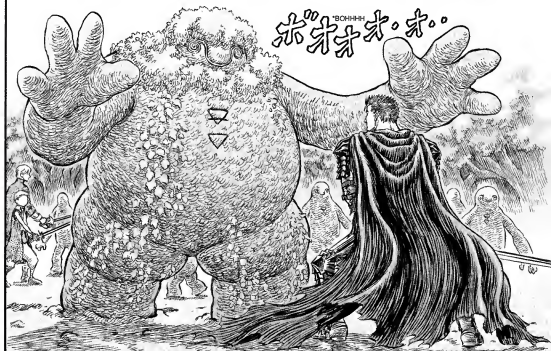




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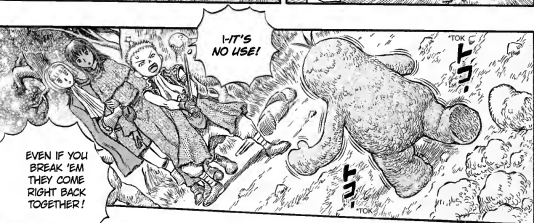
MANSION OF THE SPIRIT TREE, PART 2

靈樹の館②





"FX KICK"





"SLASH"

ドッ
"DOP"

ドン
"DON"



ムク
"MUK"

ムク
"MUK"



THIS NEVER ENDS.

TCH!

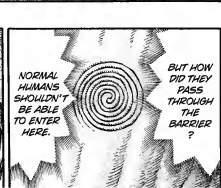
ウウウ
"UUU"



FX, WHOM

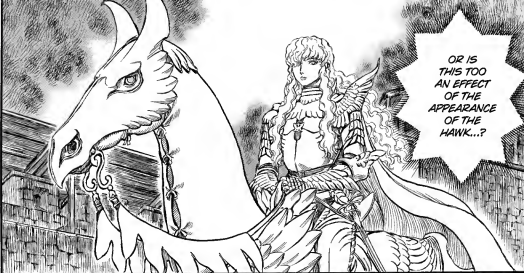


IS THERE
SOME
SECRET
ABOUT
THOSE TWO
AFTER ALL
?!



NORMAL
HUMANS
SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE
TO ENTER
HERE.

BUT HOW
DID THEY
PASS
THROUGH
THE
BARRIER
?



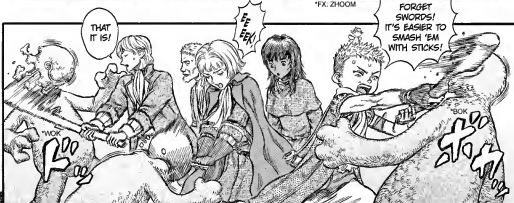
OR IS
THIS TOO
AN EFFECT
OF THE
APPEARANCE
OF THE
HAWK....?



HEY HEY!
THAT GUY'S
SWORD IS
AMAZIN'!



*FX: ZHOOM

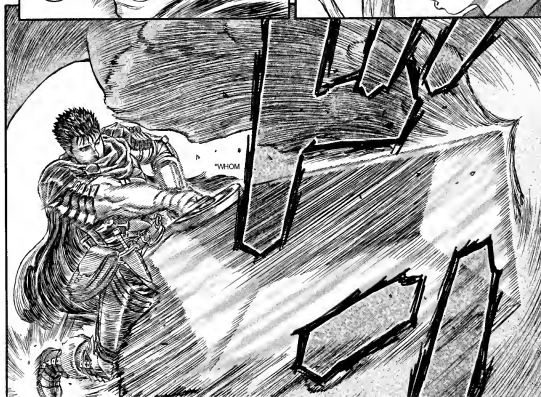


FORGET
SWORDS!
IT'S EASIER TO
SMASH 'EM
WITH STICKS!



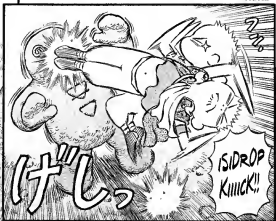
BUT
STILL...







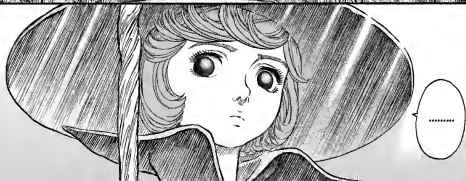
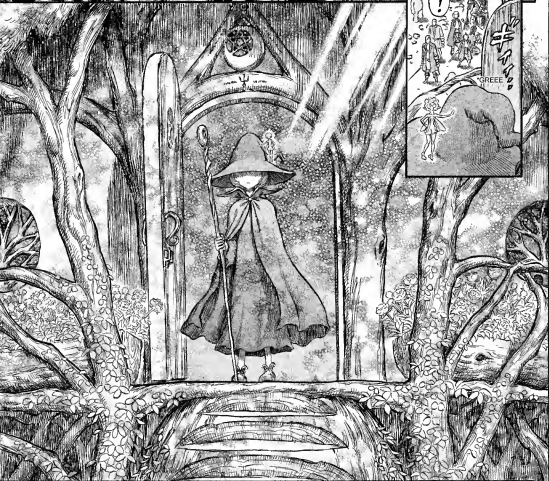
*FX: GASH



*FX: WHOP









THE
WITCH
...



I
KNEW
IT...!

AAH!



YOU ARE
ALL WELCOME.
IT SEEMS MY
MISTRESS WILL
SEE YOU.

YOU
READ
MY
MIND!



MISTRESS
WITCH,
PLEASE
LISTEN...!



WHAT
DO WE
DO?



*FX: DMP DMP DMP DMP

COMIN'!
IIN.

HOLD
ON...

AH...

I'LL
TAKE
YA
ON!!



LET'S
GO HAVE
A LOOK
AT THE
WITCH.

WE'VE
BEEN
INVITED.



WHAT'S
ALL THIS
NEAT
STUFF
?!

WOOO!



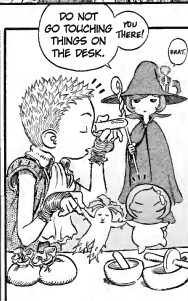
THIS
TAKES ME
BACK.

FEELS MORE
LIKE A NEST
THAN A HOUSE.
I FEEL LIKE I'M
A SQUIRREL OR
SOMETHIN'.

AND
IT'S FILLED
WITH TONS
OF WEIRD
STUFF.



AIN'T YOU
SUPPOSED
TO BE THE
WITCH?



DO NOT
GO TOUCHING
THINGS ON
THE DESK.

YOU
THERE!

BEAT



LOTSA MAGIC
USERS LIVED
WHERE I
CAME FROM.
I HUNG OUT
WITH 'EM
A LOT.

IT
DOES
?



YOU
SWINDLING
SPRITE!

AH, THE
MEMORIES
...



I'M ISIDRO,
AND I OWE YOU
ONE. I SPENT
HALF A DAY
UP THE FAMILY
TREE THANKS
TO YOU.

HUH,
NOT EVEN
A REAL
WITCH
YET.

I
LOOK
AFTER *NALERA*.
HER.

I AM
SCHIERKE,
AND I AM
STILL IN
TRAINING.



WEIRD PLACE?
IF YOU DON'T SPELL
IT OUT, I DON'T
GET IT. OOK! I'M A
MONKEY, Y'KNOW...
OOK!

THAT WAS
BECAUSE YOU
GRABBED ME
IN A WEIRD
PLACE!!



*FX: TWITCH

WHAAAA
?



AS I
SAID,
BOOBS.

AS I
SAID
...



WHAAAA
?



...A
WEIRD
PLACE!

AS I
SAID
...

*FX: HHHH... HHHH...



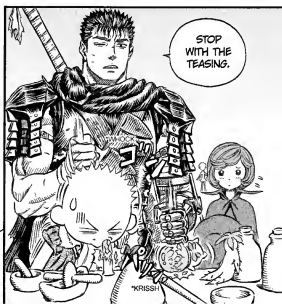
COULD YOU
JUST HURRY AND
LET US SEE YOUR
MISTRESS OR
WHATEVER?

FOOLS.

*FX: BLEED



COME,
THIS
WAY...



STOP
WITH THE
TEASING.

*KRISH





...A
WITCH
?

SHE
IS...

I AM
FLORA, THE
MISTRESS
OF THIS
MANSION.

PLEASE
FORGIVE MY
APPRENTICE
FOR BEING
IMPOLITE.
SHE IS
MERELY
CONCERNED
FOR MY
SAFETY...



...SURELY
THE ONE
FROM...

OH!...
YOU
ARE...

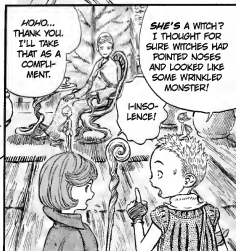


MY MOTHER WAS SAVED
FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH
BY THE MEDICINE I RECEIVED
FROM YOU THAT DAY FIFTY
YEARS AGO! IT'S UNBELIEV-
ABLE. YOU'RE JUST AS
YOU WERE THEN!

I
REMEM-
BER!

IN A
WAY SHE
IS A
MONSTER!

YOU'RE
SILENT,
MONSTER!



HOHO...
THANK YOU.
I'LL TAKE
THAT AS A
COMPLIMENT.

SHE'S A WITCH?
I THOUGHT FOR
SURE WITCHES HAD
POINTED NOSES
AND LOOKED LIKE
SOME WRINKLED
MONSTER!

I-INSO-
LENCE!



LADY
FARNSE
?

YOU
WERE
THAT
BOY.

I TOO
REMEM-
BER.



...YOU
NEEDN'T
BE SO
FRIGHT-
ENED.

YOUNG
LADY...

HOW
NOSTAL-
GIC.

HOW'D
SHE...?!

MY FOLK
WERE NOT
AMONG THOSE
WHOSE LIVES
YOU TOOK.

EVEN IF
THEY WERE,
THE FAULT WOULD
COLLECTIVELY
LIE UPON THE
SERVANTS OF
YOUR DEITY.

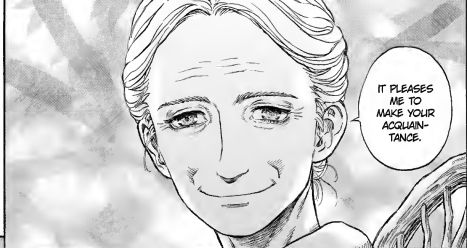
I DO NOT SEEK
RETRIBUTION
FROM YOU AS
AN INDIVIDUAL.

THE
BRANDED
PAIR.

AND
YOU...



HOW DID
YOU...?



IT PLEASES
ME TO
MAKE YOUR
ACQUAIN-
TANCE.



I'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR YOU.



...YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
US?

THEN...

YOU'VE
BEEN
WAITING
?

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幽 界



I HAVE
AWAITED
YOU.

THEY OF
THE BRAND,
GUIDED
BY TINY
WINGS.

YES.



COULD
SHE BE AN
APOSTLE?!

SHE KNOWS
ABOUT THE
BRAND...?!



...THIS
FEELING...

NO...
BUT...



THEY
OF THE
BRAND
...?



IT ACHES
FAINTLY...



...BUT...
SOMETHING'S
DIFFERENT...



WHO THE HELL...?

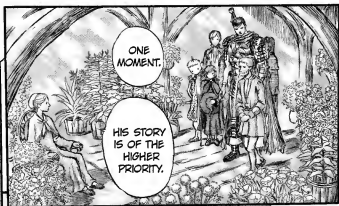
OLD WOMAN.



...IS OF TROLLS.

YOUR STORY...

Y-YES...



ONE MOMENT.

HIS STORY IS OF THE HIGHER PRIORITY.



...MUCH LESS ATTACK THEIR HOMES...

RARELY SHOULD THEY EVEN BE SEEN BY HUMANS...

TROLLS ORIGINATE FROM THE ASTRAL WORLD.

I AM ANXIOUS ABOUT THEM, TOO.



...I CANNOT ASSIST YOU.

UNFORTUNATELY...



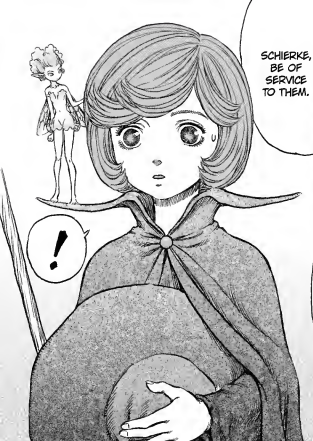
H-HOW COME?



IN THAT CASE...

WELL ...





THEN
HOW IN
THE
WORLD
WILL
WE...

AHH
...



I CANNOT
GO MYSELF,
BUT I
CAN HAVE
ONE GO
IN MY
STEAD.

NO
NEED TO
WORRY.



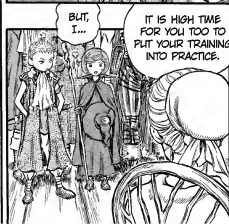
HEY
NOW,
YOU
CHICK-
EN?

I AM
NOT!
HOW
VULGAR!



MISTRESS,
NO... I...

WHOA,
BIG
JOB!



BUT,
I...

IT IS HIGH TIME
FOR YOU TOO TO
PUT YOUR TRAINING
INTO PRACTICE.



COULD I ASK
ALL OF YOU,
PLEASE, TO ASSIST
MY DISCIPLE?

!



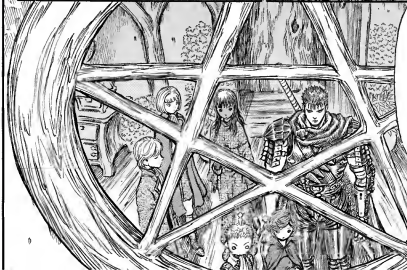
I THINK
I MIGHT BE
OF SOME
USE TO
YOU AS
WELL.

NATURALLY,
I DO NOT
ASK YOUR
HELP FOR
FREE.



I
UNDERSTAND
YOU'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT YOUR
FAVORITE
STUDENT,
BUT WE'VE
GOT NO
OBLIGATION
TO GO THAT
FAR. SORRY,
BUT WE'VE
GOTTA STICK
TO OUR
JOURNEY.

WHOA.
WHOA.



UPON
YOUR RETURN,
I SHALL PRODUCE
TALISMANS TO
PROTECT YOU
ON THE REST OF
YOUR JOURNEY.

EVEN
AMONG THEM,
MY MISTRESS'
ARE SPECIAL!

TALISMANS MADE
BY THE MAGI ARE
NOT THE SAME AS
SUPERSTITIONS!

IT IS A
CHARM.

WHAT'S
A TALIS-
MAN?

IGNORA-
MUSES
JUST DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

IGNORA-
MUSES!

LAY OFF
ALREADY

AIN'T
THAT ALL
IN YOUR
HEAD?

CHARMS
?

HOW
RUDE!

...SHOULD
REDUCE THE
EVIL SPIRITS
IT CAN DRAW...
OR AT LEAST
PROTECT
AGAINST YOU
YOURSELVES
BECOMING
POSSESSED.

THE CURSED
POWER OF THAT
BRAND DEFIES
IMAGINATION.
ERASING IT
IS BEYOND
MY POWER.

HOWEVER,
WEAKENING
THE INTENSITY
OF ITS
POWER...

EVEN SO,
IT SHOULD
HOLD FOR
THE DURATION
OF YOUR
JOURNEY.

HOWEVER, DUE
TO THE IMMENSE
POWER OF THE
CURSE, THERE IS A
TIME LIMIT TO THE
POTENCY OF THE
TALISMAN.

...DO
THAT
?!

Y-YOU
CAN...



...
AGAINST
THAT.

IT'LL
PROTECT
...



I KNOW
WHAT

SO
THAT'S
WHAT?

YEAH.

IS THAT
FOOLISH
OR
DARING
...?

HAVE
YOU BEEN
ON THIS
JOURNEY
WITH THEM
NOT EVEN
KNOWING
THAT?



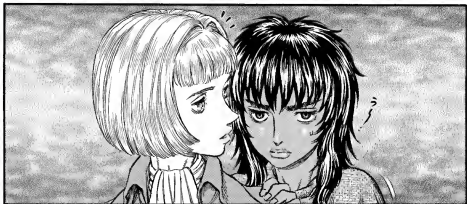
SO THAT'S
WHAT THAT
BRAND
DOES.

NO
MATTER
THAT
SHOULD
EVERY
MOMENT...

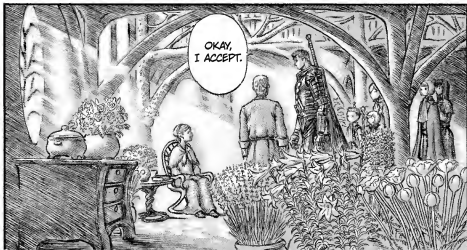
OH,
OKAY.



*FX FLINCH



*FX. 0000







NO
NEED TO
WORRY.

WAIT A MINUTE.
IF YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE BRAND,
YOU SHOULD ALSO
KNOW THAT WE...



DE, A
BATH. ♡

AND THE
MEDI-
CATED
BATH.

NOW
PREPARE
THE
EVENING
MEAL,
SCHIERKE.

YES,
MIS-
TRESS
...



SCHIERKE
TOO HAS
VARIOUS
PREPARA-
TIONS TO
MAKE.

YOU
MUST ALL BE
TIRED FROM
YOUR LONG
JOURNEY.
PLEASE REST
EASY FOR
THE NIGHT,
THEN DEPART
TOMORROW.



I
GUARANTEE
SAFETY
FOR THE
NIGHT.

THIS
MANSION IS
PROTECTED
BY TALISMANS
AS WELL.



YOU
MAY REST
EASY.



S'GOOD,
THOUGH.

I DON'T THINK
I'VE EVER HAD A
MEAL OF NOTHIN'
BUT NUTS 'N'
LEAVES.

IT IS
NUTRITIOUS.



HOW DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE
BRAND?



YOU SAID YOU
WERE WAITIN' FOR
US. WHAT'S THAT
SUPPOSED TO
MEAN?

OLD LADY,
BACK TO WHAT WE
WERE TALKIN'
ABOUT...



"I WANT
YOU TO
LEND THEM
A HAND."

"THEY OF
THE BRAND
WILL VISIT
THIS FOREST,
GLIDED BY
TINY WINGS..."

THERE
WAS AN ORACLE...
...FROM A FRIEND
IN THE ASTRAL
WORLD.



WHO
THE HELL
SAID--?

"LEND A
HAND"...



...SO
IT'S RE-
VERSED.

THOUGH
I'M
THE ONE
BEING
HELPED
NOW...

ORACLE
...?

...TO KEENLY SENSE
ETHEREAL BODIES
UNSEEN BY THE
NAKED EYE.

DUE TO THE
CURSED POWER
OF THE BRAND,
YOU ALL HAVE
BEEN RENDERED
ABLE...

TO PUT
IT SIMPLY,
THE
AFTER-
LIFE.

HEY!
WHAT'S
THAT
ASTRAL
WORLD
THING?

...IN WHICH
OUR WORLD IS
OVERLAPPED
BY THE
EXISTENCE OF
TWO OTHER
WORLDS.

THERE
IS A
TRINITY
...

ARE
ETHEREAL
BODIES
GHOSTS ?

THE OTHER IS
THE SOUL OF
THE ORIGIN OF
ALL EXISTENCE,
THE WORLD OF
THE IDEA.

ONE IS KNOWN
COMMONLY
AS THE WORLD
OF SPIRITS,
THE ASTRAL
WORLD.

AMATEURS
CANNOT TELL
ONE FROM
THE OTHER!

...AND
TOUCH IT
AS IF IT
WERE A
REAL
THING.

IF AN
ETHEREAL BODY
IS SENSED
STRONGLY
ENOUGH,
YOUR PHYSICAL
BODY WILL
SEE IT...

THAT'S A LITTLE COMPLICATED,
BUT IT COMES DOWN TO
GHOSTS, RIGHT? AIN'T THEY
A LITTLE TOO LIVELY? THEY'RE
ALL STICKY LIKE SNOT.
MAKES ME SICK.

THOSE ARE
THE ETHEREAL
BODIES THAT
YOUR ETHEREAL
BODY'S PERCEIVING.

HOW
VULGAR!

MANY PEOPLE
OVER THE AGES
HAVE RECOGNIZED
THIS FACT AS REALITY,
AND BECAUSE THEIR
WORLD VIEW CONTINUES
TO BE PASSED DOWN,
WE ARE ABLE TO
PERCEIVE, SEE,
AND TOUCH THESE
LITTLE ONES.

ELVES AND
TROLLS ARE
INHABITANTS
OF THAT
SAME ASTRAL
WORLD.



...
AHA! SO THAT'S WHY FARNY COULDN'T SEE ME AT FIRST. BUT NOW THAT SHE'S SEEN ENOUGH SCARY STUFF...

...SO MANY OF THE ELVES WHO CAN NO LONGER INTERACT WITH HUMANS HAVE FADED AWAY TO SOME PLACE IN THE ASTRAL WORLD.

LONG AGO IT WAS QUITE NATURAL TO BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF ELVES. BUT WITH THE SPREAD OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SEE, OF ONE UNIVERSAL WORLD VIEW, THOSE WHO CAN SEE THEM HAVE DWINDLED...

*FX TWITCH



SAVOR THE TASTE.

TUM TUM TUM

*FX. RUB RUB RUB

PLEASE DO NOT TEASE HER.



*FX YOINK CHOMP



WHAT ARE YOU, DUMB ?!

PIXIES ARE BORN EXAGGERATORS. IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY THOUGH!

NO PROB, NO PROB.

PLENTY A' PEOPLE'VE LIVED THERE.

I THINK!

YOU'RE SURE WE'LL BE OKAY IN YOUR HOMELAND...?

DON'T TELL ME IT'S THE AFTERLIFE...



THERE IS A THING CALLED THE SUBCONSCIOUS THAT HUMANS CANNOT THEMSELVES CONTROL

...
FINE, NEVER MIND.

THINGS ARE NOT THAT SIMPLE.

*banner: COGITO, ERGO SUM



THEN EVEN THE TROLLS'LL BE GONE, JUST LIKE THAT...

THEN, HEY! ALL EVERYONE HAS TO DO IS STOP BELIEVIN' IN WEIRD STUFF!



ALL RIGHT !

*headband WEIRD

DON'T SAY SUCH MEAN THINGS !!!

AN OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE. VERY NICE.

...FROM THE CONFINES OF OUR PHYSICAL WORLD TO DELVE INTO THE ASTRAL WORLD.

SINCE LONG AGO, WE MAGI HAVE LEARNED AND INHERITED THE PRACTICE OF RELEASING OUR ETHEREAL BODIES...

YOU CAN DO THAT KINDA THING?

...THE SCENERY COMES TO LOOK UNIMAGINABLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

THEN, IN THE DEEP LAYER OF THE ASTRAL WORLD...

THERE EXIST ASTRAL ENTITIES WITH WHOM THE ETHEREAL BODIES...

...OF MERE HUMANS CANNOT EVEN COMPARE.

ANGELS, DEMONS, GODS OF POLYTHEISM...

THUS, THE DEAD WHO DID NOT REALIZE THEY DIED OR WHO LEFT THE PHYSICAL WORLD REGRETFULLY...

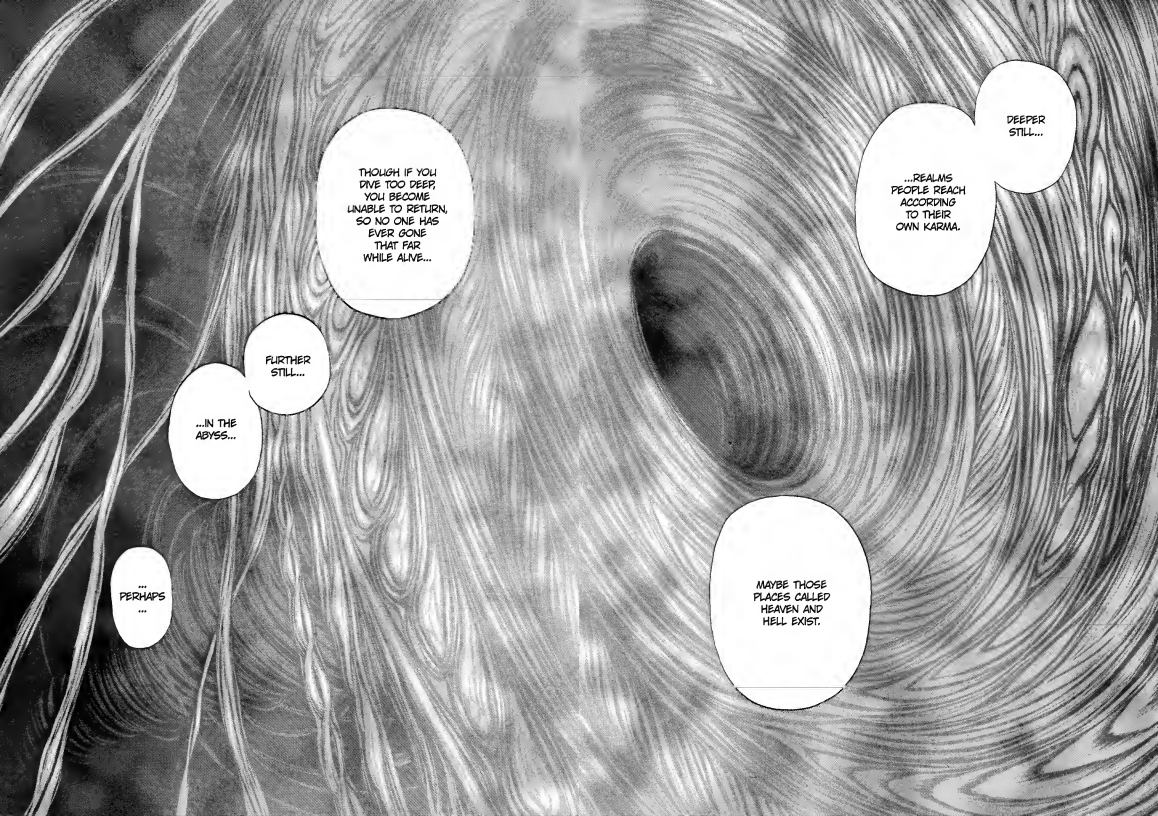
...OFTEN WANDER THERE.

EVENTUALLY, NEARLY ALL BECOME AWARE OF THEIR OWN DEATH OR BECOME UNABLE TO MAINTAIN THE FORM OF THEIR ETHEREAL BODIES AND PASS AWAY FROM THIS LAYER.

...VARIOUS ETHEREAL BEINGS EXIST AS LIVING LEGENDS.

IN THE RELATIVELY SHALLOW LAYER OF THE ASTRAL WORLD KNOWN AS THE INTERSTICE ...

EVEN THE SCENERY IS MOSTLY DERIVED FROM THE ETHEREAL FORMS OF OUR WORLD, SO THERE IS LITTLE DISPARITY BETWEEN IT AND OUR PHYSICAL REALITY.



THOUGH IF YOU
DIVE TOO DEEP,
YOU BECOME
UNABLE TO RETURN,
SO NO ONE HAS
EVER GONE
THAT FAR
WHILE ALIVE...

DEEPER
STILL...

...REALMS
PEOPLE REACH
ACCORDING
TO THEIR
OWN KARMA.

FURTHER
STILL....

...IN THE
ABYSS...

...
PERHAPS
...

MAYBE THOSE
PLACES CALLED
HEAVEN AND
HELL EXIST.



...AND
EXPLORE
THE ENTIRE
UNIVERSE
FROM WITHIN
YOUR
WORLD.

THAT
IS THE
WAY OF
MAGIC.



ACCEPT
THE GREAT
MYSTERIES...



THERE EXIST
PROFOUND
DEPTHS
WITHIN ITSELF.

THE WORLD
DOESN'T
EXTEND IN
MERELY TWO
DIMENSIONS.

...BE
SUMMARIZED
BY MATERIALISM
OR ANY SINGLE
DOCTRINE.

THIS
WORLD
COULD
NEVER...

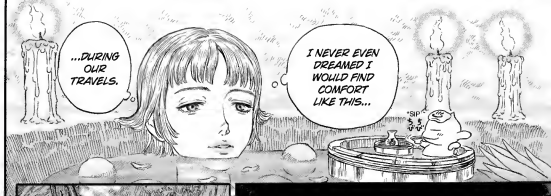


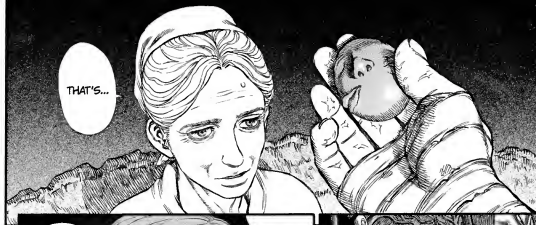
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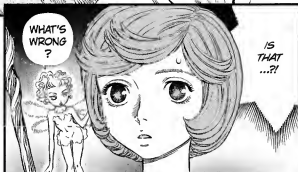
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BERSERK





THAT'S...



WHAT'S
WRONG
?

IS
THAT
...?!



!



ALL WHO
ASPIRE
TOWARD
MASTERING
THE WAY
OF MAGIC
DO.

YES...

I
KNOW
IT.



I GOT IT
FROM A
CERTAIN
MAN.

WHERE
THE
BLAZES
DID YOU--

DOES THIS
BELONG
TO YOU
?



.....
I
SEE.

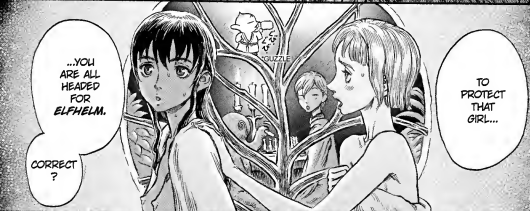


A KEY
THAT LINKS
A DEEP
LAYER OF
THE ASTRAL
WORLD TO THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD.

A
BEHEMOT.









...THAT HAS
KEPT YOU
ON YOUR
FEET UNTIL
THIS DAY.

IT MUST
BE THAT
MALICE...

AND SO
IT BECOMES
SHACKLES...

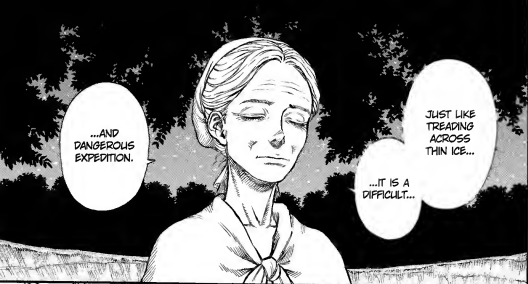
...IS STRIVING
TO INCINERATE
EVEN THOSE
YOU CONSIDER
IRREPLACEABLE.

YOUR LIFE
CANNOT
BE WITHOUT
HATRED...

...BUT THAT
HELLFIRE...

...WHICH
MAKE YOUR
SWORD
HEAVY AND
BLUNT.





...AND
DANGEROUS
EXPEDITION.

JUST LIKE
TREADING
ACROSS
THIN ICE...

...IT IS A
DIFFICULT...



...I CAN'T
MEET YOUR
EXPECTA-
TIONS.

UNFORTU-
NATELY...



...THAT
CAN BE
USED
IF ONLY
YOU FIND
THE
MEANS,
BUT IT
IS NOT.

YOU
THINK
THIS IS
SOME-
THING
...



NOT
THAT.

YOU
MEAN YOU
DON'T
FEEL LIKE
TELLING
ME?

THE OBJECT
ITSELF IS AS
NOTHING MORE
THAN A STONE,
BUT THE FATE
ASSOCIATED
WITH IT RESTS
IN THE HANDS
OF ITS MASTER
WHO SENT IT.

A BEHELT IS
A HIGHLY SPIRITUAL
OBJECT THAT
GOVERNS EVEN
HUMAN FATE...
PERHAPS AN
**EVEN GREATER
EXISTENCE**
SENT IT TO THE
PHYSICAL WORLD.

THAT'S
THE WAY
IT IS.

WHEN THE
TIME IS RIGHT,
IT WILL BE IN
THE HANDS OF
THE PERSON
TO WHOM IT
BELONGS.

...THAT THE
OWNER
CRAVES
THEIR
POWER.

AND IT IS
CERTAIN...

...TO BE
AT THE
VERY
MOMENT
...

IF IT IS NOT
YOURS THEN,
IN SPITE OF
YOUR WILL,
IT SHALL AT
SOME POINT
LEAVE YOUR
HAND.

IF THIS
BEHELT INDEED
**BELONGS TO
YOU**, EVEN IF
YOU WERE TO
DISCARD IT,
WHEN THE
TIME COMES,
IT SHALL
FIND YOU.



I CAN'T
STAND
THAT.

GOD
ONLY
KNOWS,
HUH?



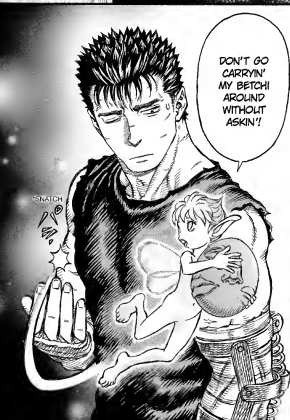
IN
ANY CASE,
IT IS
BEYOND
HUMAN
WILL.



...WISH
THAT IT
LEAVE
YOUR
HAND.

EVEN IF,
TO YOU,
THIS IS A
BEACON
FOR
REVENGE...

...I
FERVENTLY...



DON'T GO
CARRYIN'
MY BETCHI
AROUND
WITHOUT
ASKIN'!



...TO DO
ANYTHING
WITH IT
JUST YET.

WELL...

...I
DON'T
PLAN
...



YOU KNEW
I'D BE
PASSING
THROUGH,
BUT
WHO--

OH,
YEAH.



AHH!

STOP,
STOP!

...FOR ONE
TO ARRIVE
AS A PERSON,
CLAD IN THE
ETHEREAL
BODY CALLED
EGO.

PERHAPS IN
THAT DOMAIN, IT IS
UNATTAINABLE...

...AND THAT AS
REINCARNATIONS...

...THEY ARE
THE EXECUTORS
OF THE WILL
OF SOMETHING
LURKING IN THE
DISTANT ABYSS
OF THE ASTRAL
WORLD.

I MEAN,
I'M TAKIN'
CARE OF
HIM.

RIGHT.

IT'S
YOURS
?

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ONE
MORE
THING.

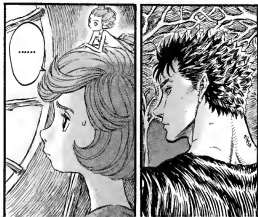
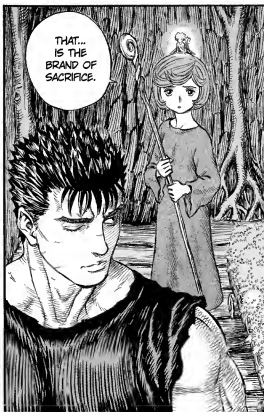
I REMEM-
BER DON'T KNOW
BUT HIS
FAVORITE FOOD
IT'S GORGES

THAT IS ONE
OF THE GREAT
MYSTERIES
FOR THOSE
OF US WHO
EXPLORE
THE ASTRAL
WORLD.

THE
GODHAND.

WHAT I
DO KNOW IS
THAT THEY
WERE ONCE
HUMAN...

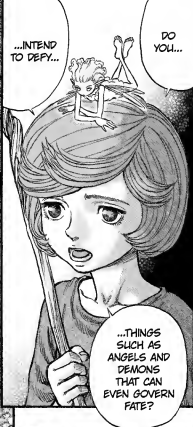
WHAT
THE HELL
ARE
THEY ?





...I'LL HAVE
TO HIT 'EM
WHERE IT
HURTS.

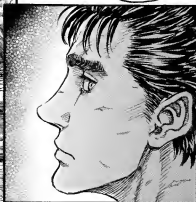
ONE
DAY...



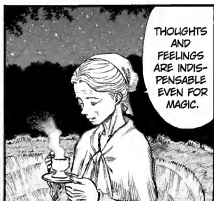
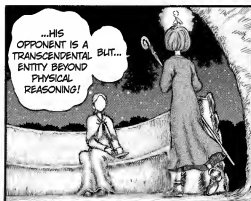
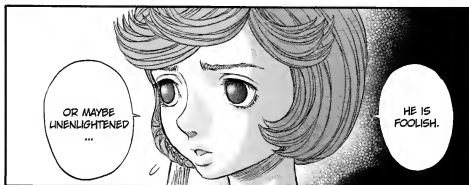
...INTEND
TO DEFY...

DO
YOU...

...THINGS
SUCH AS
ANGELS AND
DEMONS
THAT CAN
EVEN GOVERN
FATE?



YOU
GOT IT.



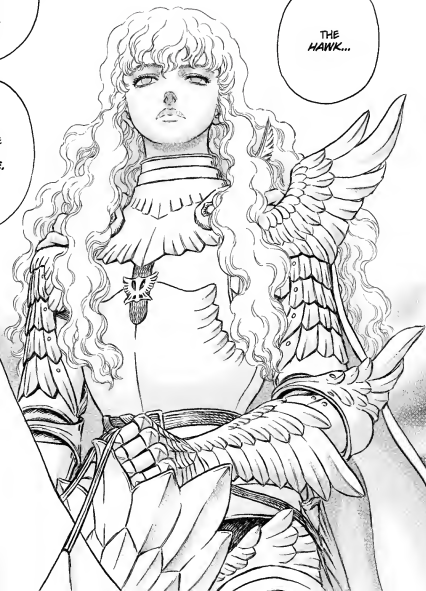
HE APPEARS
TO BE HUMAN,
BUT SPIRITUALLY
HE CANNOT
BE CALLED
THAT.

AN
EXISTENCE
THAT NO
ONE IN THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD
CAN RIVAL
ALONE.

AN ENORMOUS
FLOW OF OD THAT
ENGULFS AND
CHARMS PEOPLE.
A FORTUNE SO
STRONG THAT NO
BLADE OF THE
PHYSICAL WORLD
CAN TOUCH HIM.

THE
HAWK...

SURELY HE
IS THE
ABSOLUTE.



...IF HE IS THE
HAWK OF
DARKNESS,
THEN HE IS
DREADFUL.

IF HE IS THE
INCARNATED
FORM OF THE
FIFTH ANGEL
RECORDED
IN THE
REVELATION...

...WHO WAS
RESPONSIBLE
FOR
BRANDING
HIM.

IT WAS
THAT HAWK
HIMSELF...

BUT DOES
NOT THAT
KNOWLEDGE
ITSELF
SOMETIMES
RENDER US
BLIND?

WE MAGI
HAPPEN TO
POSSESS,
MORE THAN
MOST PEOPLE,
KNOWLEDGE
OF THE MANY
POWERS
IMMANENT
TO THIS WORLD.

THEN
ALL THE
MORE
REASON
...

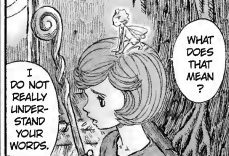
SCHIERKE.



...HE
IS STILL
ALIVE.

YOU
SEE...

!



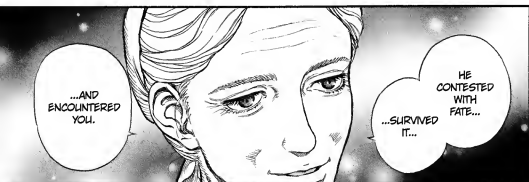
WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN ?

I
DO NOT
REALLY
UNDER-
STAND
YOUR
WORDS.



...BUT
LOOK
CLOSELY
AT THE
TRUTH
THAT IS
BEFORE
YOUR
EYES.

BE NOT
ENAMORED
SOLELY
WITH THE
WONDROUS
MARVELS
...



...AND
ENCOUNTERED
YOU.

HE
CONTESTED
WITH
FATE...

...SURVIVED
IT...



SCHIERKE.

THE
FAVORITE
DISCIPLE
OF FLORA,
WITCH OF THE
FOREST OF
THE SPIRIT
TREE.



GOD
BESTOWS
UPON HIS
FATE.

BUT IT
IS THE
CHILDREN
OF MEN
WHO
CHOOSE
IT.

THIS IS MY
BELIEF.



IT
IS YOU
WHO WILL
DECIDE
THAT.

YOU
WISH
FOR ME
TO AID
HIM?!



GO AND
WITNESS
WITH YOUR
OWN
EYES...

...THE
SIGNIFICANT
NATURE THIS
ENCOUNTER
WILL BEAR
FOR YOU.

FALCON OF THE MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER

ELEMENTALS

エレメンタル
元素靈

THAT...
DOES IT.

SEALED WITH
PURIFICATION
SALT.

AGH...
WHAT
THE--?



*FX RUB



ARE YOU
READY
OVER
THERE?

I LOOK
FORWARD
TO THAT.

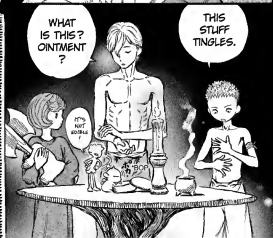
...BUT THE BRAND
SHOULD NOT ATTRACT
EVIL SPIRITS FOR
TWO OR THREE
DAYS.

IT IS
COMPLETE.
NOT ON THE
SAME
LEVEL
OF MY
MISTRESS'
TALISMANS
...



WHAT
IS THIS?
OINTMENT
?

THIS
STUFF
TINGLES.



NOW IS
A GOOD
TIME TO
EXPLAIN
THE THINGS
I WILL
GIVE TO
YOU.

BECAUSE
IT DULLS
THE FIVE
SENSES,
IT MAKES
IT EASIER
TO PERCEIVE
ETHEREAL
BODIES.

MANNA
SEE IF
POISON
WORKS
ON
ELVES
OR
NOT?

WOLFS-
BANE
...

IT IS
CALLED FEMME
FATALE OINTMENT.
A KIND OF
NARCOTIC MIXED
FROM ALMOND
OIL, CELERY,
BELLADONNA,
WOLFSBANE,
AND THE LIKE.

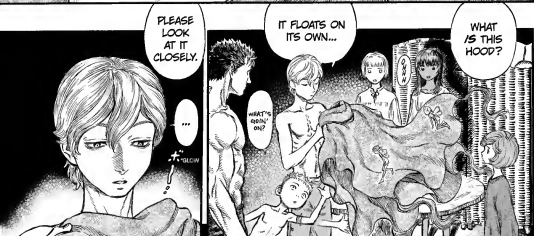
THESE
ARE...?

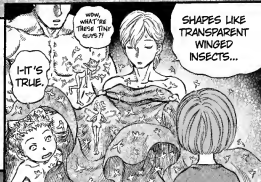
THEY ARE
MAGIC ARMS
GRANTED THE
PROTECTION OF
THE SPIRITS.

MAGIC
FETISHES.

WITH THESE,
EVERYONE
SHOULD BE ABLE
TO CONFRONT
THE TROLLS,
EVEN WITHOUT
SPELLCASTING.

I BORROWED
THEM FROM MY
MISTRESS.







THE FOUR STATES
INHERENT TO THE
PHYSICAL WORLD--
SOLID, LIQUID, VAPOR,
AND ENERGY--
ARE ALL RESONANT
WITH THE WORKINGS
OF ELEMENTALS IN
THE ASTRAL WORLD,
RESPECTIVELY--
EARTH, WATER,
WIND, AND FIRE.

THESE LITTLE
ONES ARE THE
ETHEREAL
FORMS OF THE
ATMOSPHERE
THAT FILLS
THIS WORLD--
SPIRITS OF
THE WIND THAT
BLOWS ABOUT
THE SKY.

**YOU MEAN I'M A
WIND SPIRIT?!**

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE SHOCKIN' TRUTH!!
I'M NOT A CHESTNUT HEAD?!

I'M
THE SAME
THING AS
HIM...

*WHONNING

SO YOU
GUYS'RE
THE WIND
THAT ALWAYS
HELPS ME
OUT. I'M
PUCK.

HOW
'BOUT
THAT.

WHAT'RE YOU
TALKIN' ABOUT?
THEY'RE OUR
ANCESTORS.

YOU'RE A PIXIE,
RIGHT? PIXIES'RE
A FAMILY OF THE
WIND SPIRITS,
AFTER ALL.
THERE'RE
ALL KINDS,
THOUGH.

HOWMAN?

ONE
SWING CAN
GENERATE A
WHIRLWIND...

ALSO
GRANTED
THE WIND'S
PROTECTION IS
THE
**SYLPH
SWORD.**

...THAT CAN
TEAR THE
ENEMY'S
FLESH
WITHOUT
EVEN
TOUCHING
IT.

THE
BLADE IS
MADE FROM
A WHITE-
SHOULDERED
EAGLE'S
FEATHER AND
THE HILT FROM
MISTLETOE
GROWING ON
THE HIGHEST
BRANCH IN
THE FOREST.

THIS...
IS A
SWORD?
OR A
FEATHER
DUSTER
...?

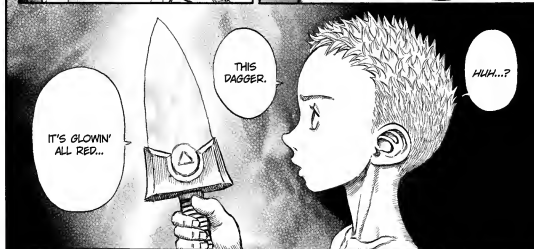
HE WHO
WEARS IT
IS CLAD IN
ATMOSPHERIC
CURRENT...

...AND CAN
SWEEP
ASIDE
SWORDS
AND
ARROWS.

THAT IS THE
SYLPH HOOD,
A FETISH
GRANTED THE
PROTECTION
OF THE
ELEMENTALS.







CLITS MADE
WITH THAT
DAGGER WILL
IGNITE AND
BURN AS IF
STRUCK BY A
HOT IRON.

THE BLADE
OF THE
SALAMANDER
DAGGER
IS MAGICALLY
CRAFTED FROM
MOLTEN LAVA.

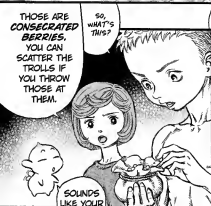


"BWOOSH"



FIRE'S
DANGEROUS
GO WITH
WIND, IT'S
COOLER.

HAHAH...



THOSE ARE
CONSECRATED
BERRIES.
YOU CAN
SCATTER THE
TROLLS IF
YOU THROW
THOSE AT
THEM.

SO,
WHAT'S
THIS?

SOUNDS
LIKE YOUR
STYLE.



HE IS THE
DANGEROUS
TYPE TO
QUIT HIS
HANDS ON
TAINING.

SO I
SAY, BUT
LADY,
FARMER
IS EVEN
WORSE.



YOU
MUSTN'T GIVE
HIM THAT!
THE WORLD'LL
BURN IN A
SEA OF
FIRE..!

SALAMANDERS
ARE HOOLIGANS!

IT IS
DANGEROUS!
DON'T
BRANDISH
IT SO RECK-
LESSLY!

THIS'S
SWEET.

"FWEE" "FWEE"



PLEASE DO
YOUR BEST
NOT TO GET
IN THE WAY
LIKE YOU DID
BEFORE.

I-I'M
ABOUT TO
GET IN YOUR
WAY NOW...

NOW
NOW
SAME
FOR YOU



BUT
IT IS MY
MISTRESS'
COMMAND,
SO OH
WELL.

"SIGH"

THEY ARE AT BEST
FOR SELF-DEFENSE.
IF IT WERE UP TO ME,
I WOULD NOT BRING
ALONG SOMEONE AS
UNBRIDLED AS YOU.

SAY
WHAT
?!

SILVER
HAS STRONG
TALISMANIC
PROPERTIES.

ALSO A
SILVER
KNIFE FOR
FARNESE.

FOR OUR
TWO LADIES,
FARNESE
AND CASCA...

IT'S
GLOWING
FAINTLY

...SILVER
CHAIN
SHIRTS.

THEIR EFFICACY IS
REALIZED BY THE
STRENGTH OF YOUR
FAITH IN THEIR
ASTRAL POWER.

WHEN THE TIME
COMES TO USE
THE FETISHES,
PLEASE ENVISION
THE FAINT FIGURES
YOU SEE NOW
AS CLEARLY AS
POSSIBLE.

FINALLY,
I HAVE
THIS FOR
GUTS...

ALSO, THE
DEEPER THE
MUTUAL TRUST
GROWS, THE
MORE POWER
THEY ARE LIKELY
TO LEND YOU.

AND IF YOU
USE THIS POWER,
DO NOT FORGET TO
APPRECIATE THE
ELEMENTALS!
IN THE END, THE
POWER OF THE
FETISHES DEPENDS
ON THEM,
NOT YOU.

YEAHHH!
LET'S
DO THIS,
FIRE
THINGS!

I EXPECT
THE VERY BEST
FROM YOU,
MY ELITE
SOLDIERS!

I HOPE
WE CAN
ALL WORK
TOGETHER.



I DON'T
NEED IT.



I WANT
TO TAKE
INTO BATTLE
WHAT
MY HAND
KNOWS
BEST.

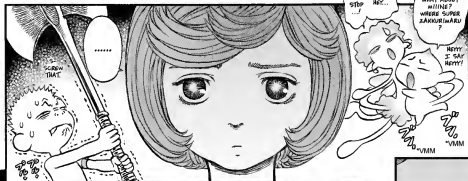
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BUT WHY
NOOOT?
WHAT A
WASTE.
JUST TAKE
IT.

NO...
I'M
FINE.

HOW
UN-
GRATE-
FUL!



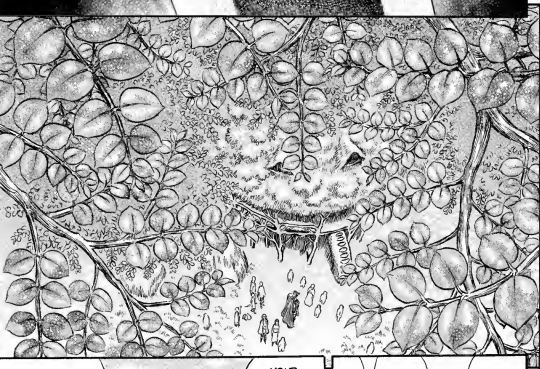
*FX: SHUDDER



*SHIMMER

ボウ。

WHAT...?



WHILE YOU ARE HERE, MINOR WOUNDS AND NEW WOUNDS GENERALLY HEAL.



THAT IS VERY CONVENIENT.

YOUR PHYSICAL BODIES HAVE ADJUSTED TO THE FORMS OF YOUR ESSENTIAL ETHEREAL BODIES.

WHA...?

DESPITE IT BEING WINTER, IT FEELS WARM.

THIS IS A MYSTERIOUS PLACE, THOUGH. I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A LARGE TREE BEFORE.



WHY, MINE TOO.

THE SCRATCHES AND BRUISES I HAD ARE GONE.

ALSO YOUR VINE BURNS.



...THE
ASTRAL
WORLD
HERE.

!

WE ARE
IN...

TO USE
AN ANALOGY,
IT IS LIKE
THE SHORE-
LINE TO
THE SEA.

THIS FOREST
IS A SLIGHTLY
DEEPER ASTRAL
DOMAIN OF
THE INTERSTICE
THAT ONE MAY
YET ENTER
PHYSICALLY.

DUE TO THE
CURSED POWER
OF THE BRAND, YOU
EXIST PRIMARILY IN
THE PHYSICAL DOMAIN
OF THE INTERSTICE,
WHERE THE ASTRAL
WORLD IS
PERCEIVABLE.

THE
INTERSTICE
STRADDLES
THE ASTRAL
WORLD
AND THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD.

BUT YOU
WHO ARE
IN THE
SAME LAYER
REACHED IT
WITHOUT ANY
PROBLEM...

BE THAT AS IT MAY,
SO LONG AS THE MISTRESS
OF THE MANSION DOES NOT
INVITE APPROACH, REGULAR
HUMANS CANNOT VISIT HERE.
EVEN TO THE EYES OF THOSE
WITH STRONG EXTRASENSORY
PERCEPTION, AT BEST
IT SHOULD APPEAR TO
BE A MIRAGE.

IN THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD THIS
TREE ROTTED
ABOUT TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS AGO...

...THE AFTERLIFE,
YOU MEAN? WE
HAD A NEAR-DEATH
EXPERIENCE
WITHOUT EVEN
KNOWING IT.

THEN,
THIS IS...

THE
STRONGER THE
POWER OF
EXISTENCE IS IN
THE PHYSICAL
WORLD...

...BUT WHILE
IT LIVED IT WAS
THE FOCUS OF
WORSHIP FOR
ALL ARBOREAL
ANIMISTS IN
THIS REGION.

...THE LONGER
AND MORE SPLENDID
ITS SHAPE WILL
BE FIXED IN THE
ASTRAL WORLD.

OCCASIONALLY
IT TAKES ON A
MONSTROUS FORM,
THOUGH.

THAT
EXPLAINS
ALL THE
FLOWERS.

SO,
CONTROLLING
MATTER WITH
THE POWER
OF OUR MINDS
BECOMES
EASY.

SHE
NEVER
SHUTS
UP.

THE MAJORITY
OF MAGIC USERS
HAVE ESTABLISHED
THEIR RESIDENCES
IN THIS LAYER OF
THE INTERSTICE.
THE LIMITATIONS
OF THE MATERIAL
WORLD ARE
LONG FIXED IN
A WEAKENED
STATE HERE...

*FX WHISPER

YOU'LL PAY
FOR THAT,
WITCH
APPRENTICE.

I AM SURE
THAT IS
THE REASON
YOU ALL
ARE LUCKY
ENOUGH TO
STILL BE
ALIVE.

OR
LIKE
THIS?

IF YOU
BECOME A GREAT
MAGICIAN, YOU
CAN EVEN FLY IN
THE SKY.

FOR
REAL?
SOUNDS
FISSE

OH,
OKAY!

THE ELE-
MENTALS
ARE
SEEING
YOU OFF.

THERE'S
THOSE
SPARKLES
AGAIN.

AM!

I KNOW THIS
PLACE IS SAFE,
BUT YOU CAN'T BE
CERTAIN ABOUT
ANYTHING.

I APPRECIATE
YOUR IDEA,
BUT NOT ONCE
HAS ANY GOOD
COME OF LEAVIN'
HER BEHIND.

BUT
...

*FX SPIN SPIN SPIN

MISTRESS,
COULD NOT
CASCA AT LEAST
STAY HERE IN
YOUR KEEPING?



.....
...I
WANT HER
SOME-
WHERE
IN REACH
OF MY
SWORD.

IN THAT
CASE...

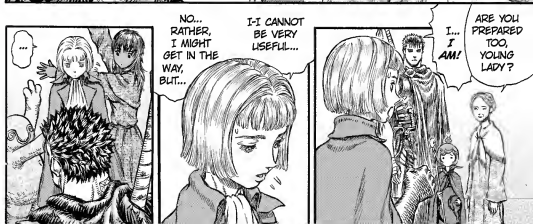
THAT'S
THE PATH
YOU'VE
CHOSEN.

YES.



I SUPPOSE
THAT WILL ALSO BE
YOUR PROTECTION
FROM HELLFIRE.

.....



NO...
RATHER,
I MIGHT
GET IN THE
WAY,
BUT...

I-I CANNOT
BE VERY
USEFUL...

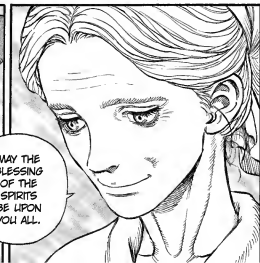
I...
I AM!

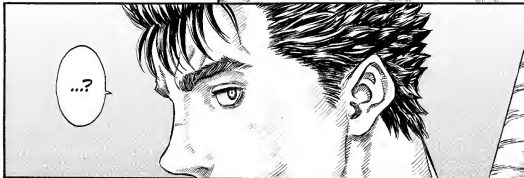
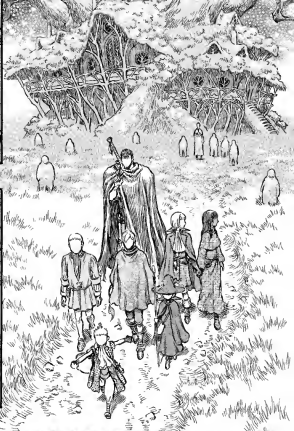
ARE YOU
PREPARED
TOO,
YOUNG
LADY?



*FX VIP VIP

*Banner: WIND GOD







A TOUCH
OF UNCER-
TAINTY,
THOUGH...

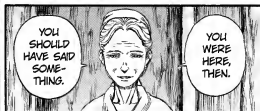
REALLY
...

WHAT
BOLD
CHILDREN.



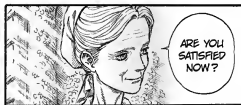
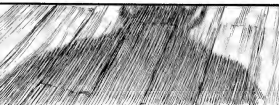
*FX. GREE





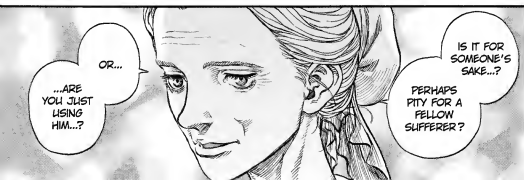
YOU
SHOULD
HAVE SAID
SOME-
THING.

YOU
WERE
HERE,
THEN.



...BROUGHT
YOU TO ASK
A FAVOR
OF ME?

STILL,
THOUGH, WHAT
STROKE OF
FORTUNE...



OR...

...ARE
YOU JUST
USING
HIM...?

IS IT FOR
SOMEONE'S
SAKE...?

PERHAPS
PITY FOR A
FELLOW
SUFFERER?



I WANT
TO BELIEVE
THE HEART
OF A MAN
STILL REMAINS
WITHIN YOU.

OLD
FRIEND.



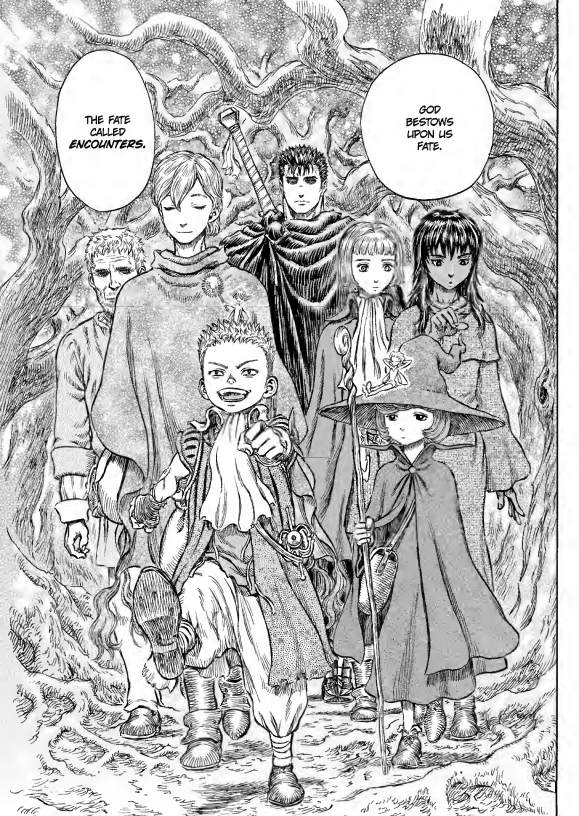
EVEN IF
I DON'T
DO IT
MYSELF...



...THAT ONE
MAY ALSO BE
A FACTOR
GUIDED BY
THE LAW OF
CAUSALITY...



YES...



THE FATE
CALLED
ENCOUNTERS.

GOD
BESTOWS
UPON US
FATE.

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ENOCH VILLAGE

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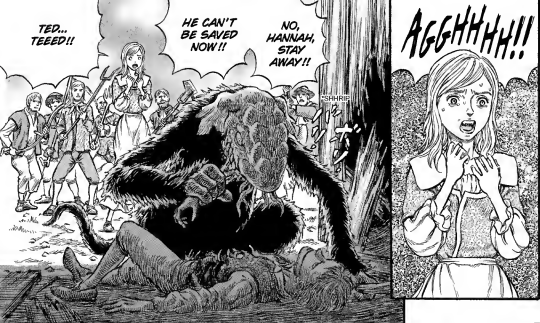
BERSERK



*FX. KRINCH KRINCH



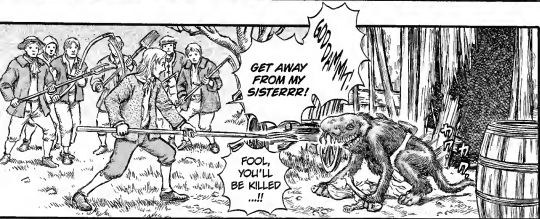


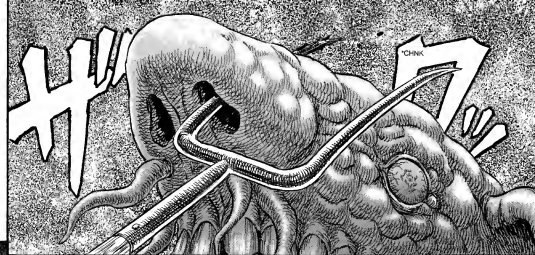
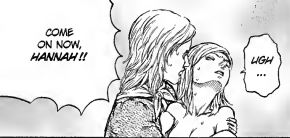


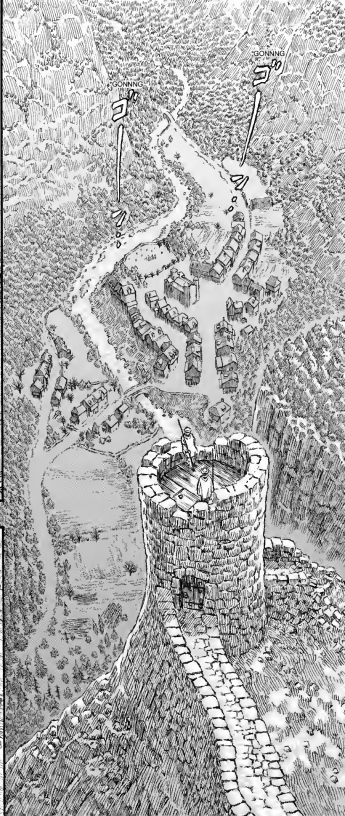
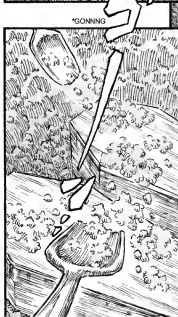


"FX: HAAAH











DAMN
IT ALL

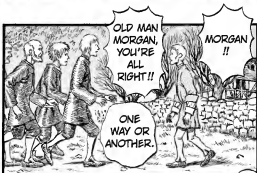


EVERY-
ONE!



HANNAH
TED'S AND
HORACE'S.
GOT
CARRIED
OFF.

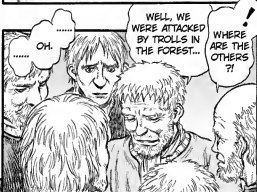
WHOSE
COFFINS
?



OLD MAN
MORGAN,
YOU'RE
ALL
RIGHT!!

MORGAN
!!

ONE
WAY OR
ANOTHER.



OH.

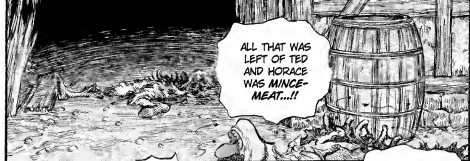
WELL, WE
WERE ATTACKED
BY TROLLS IN
THE FOREST...

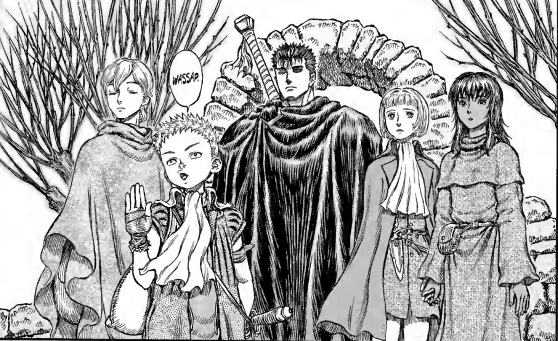
WHERE
ARE THE
OTHERS
?!

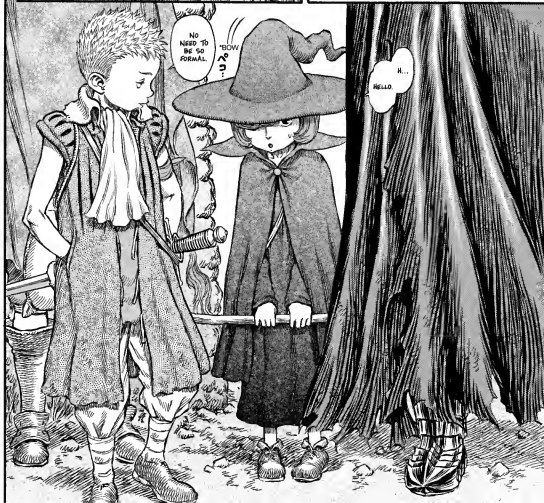


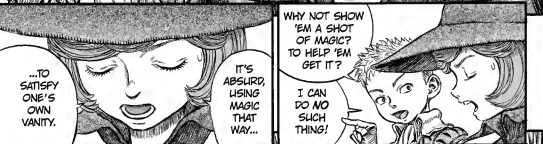
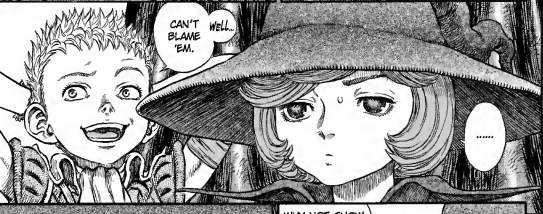
HORACE
STABBED ONE
WITH A PITCHFORK
TRYING TO RESCUE
HIS SISTER,
AND THEN A
WHOLE PACK
GANGED UP AND
BEAT HIM TO
DEATH!!

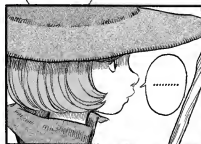
TED WAS
ATTACKED WHILE
STANDING GUARD AT
THE LIVESTOCK BARN.
AND WHEN SHE
RUSHED OVER
TO SAVE HIM,
HANNAH WAS
RAPED!







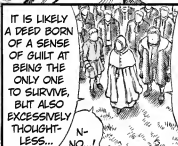




WILL IT
NOT RATHER
RESULT IN
THE NEEDLESS
ADDITION OF
VICTIMS?



RELYING
ON DUBIOUS
SUPERSTITIONS
LIKE WITCHES
WILL NOT
RESOLVE OUR
PRESENT STATE
OF AFFAIRS
ONE BIT.



EVEN SO,
MORGAN,
MAKING A
CHILD LIKE
HER WEAR
A WITCH'S
GETUP...





I KNOW FE
LITTLE
GIRLS DON'T
LOOK LIKE
THE REAL
THING.

YOU'RE
NOT
HELPIN'
HERE

JUVENILE
MUT

WATCH
FIRST,
PAY
LATER.

WITH
THAT GETUP,
ARE YOU PEOPLE
TRAVELING
PERFORMERS?
DID MORGAN
APPEAL TO YOU
ON YOUR
JOURNEY?

NO WONDER...
PRETENDING
TO BE WITCHES
AND PRACTICING
DUBIOUS
DIVINATION
MUST BE YOUR
FORTE.

PER-
FORM-
ERS...
MAKES
SENSE
...



...BUT THOSE EVIL
BEASTS ARE NOT
THE SORT OF THING
YOU CAN DEAL WITH.
LEAVE THIS PLACE
AT ONCE.

HOWEVER,
IT WOULD NOT BE
WISE TO STICK YOUR
NOSES INTO THIS.
I DON'T KNOW IF
YOU'RE ON A
PLEASURE JAUNT
OR WHAT...



ALL WE
CAN DO IS
PRAY AND
ENDURE.

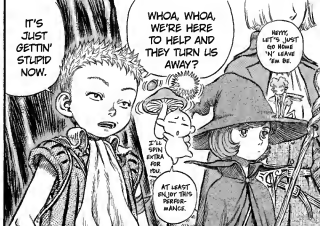
THIS IS A
TEST GIVEN
BY GOD
TO THIS
VILLAGE.



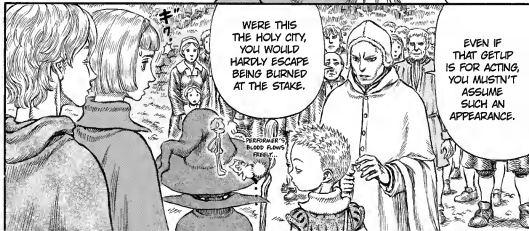
B-BUT,
FATHER.

AFTER A
CLOSE LOOK,
DOESN'T THAT
BIG MAN LOOK
QUITE POWERFUL?
WE ARE SHORT
HANDED RIGHT NOW,
SO TO TURN THEM
AWAY WOULD...

NONE
OF
THAT!



*FX: FLINCH



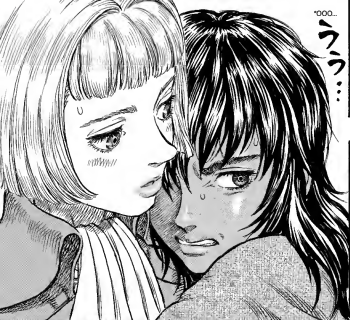
...SYMBOLS OF
APOSTASY AND
WICKEDNESS.

WITCHES
AND THE
LIKE...

...ARE
NOTHING
BUT...







“OOO...”
うう...



*THNG

パッ



*GLOMP

ダダダッ

*DMP DMP DMP



SORRY
'BOUT
THAT.

YOU SEE
HOW IT
IS.

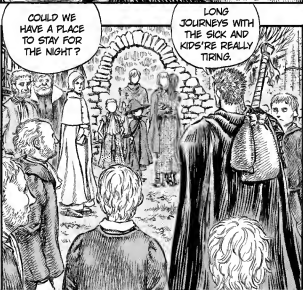


THIS IS
NO TIME
FOR--

NAV!



SHE'S
A PILGRIM,
PRAYING TO
REGAIN HER
HEALTH.



COULD WE
HAVE A PLACE
TO STAY FOR
THE NIGHT?

LONG
JOURNEYS WITH
THE SICK AND
KIDS'RE REALLY
TIRING.



...SHOW
CHARITY TO
PILGRIMS.

IT'S
CUSTOMARY
THAT THE
CHURCH
...



...FOR
WHAT
HAP-
PENS.

I'M NOT
RESPON-
SIBLE...



LOOK
AT THAT
SWORD
!!

WE
OWE YOU
ONE.

A-
AZIN'
....!!

THAT
LEFT
ARM...

IS IT
REAL
...?

??
"HMPH"



PREPARE
LODGING
FOR THEM,
CHIEF.

THAT WAS
GOOD
THINKING.

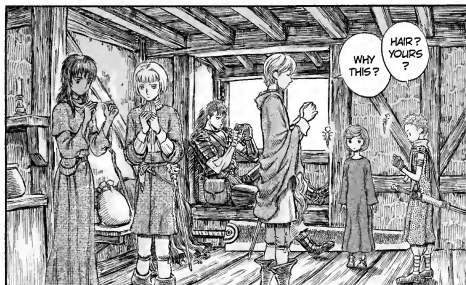


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AMBITION AND REFLECTION

野望と追憶

BERSERK





WHO'S A
MONKEY,
YOU DIRTY
LITTLE
...?!

ザ
低能

*FBET

LIKE CURSING
SOMEONE
WITH A NAIL
OR HAIR?

*thought FEEBLE-MINDED MONKEY

THIS MAKES USE OF
A TECHNIQUE CALLED
CONTAGIOUS MAGIC,
IN WHICH A PART OF
THE SUBJECT IS USED
EACH TIME THE SPELL
IS CAST.



*MOOKEE

FURTHER, FOR THOSE
WHO LACK TRAINING IN THE
CONCRETE VISUALIZATION OF
IMAGES, THOUGHTS, BEFORE
THEY ARE GIVEN FORM VIA
LETTERS AND WORDS, ARE
VAGUE AND INCONSTANT.

WITH
THOSE HAIRS
ATTACHED
TO YOU,
YOUR OD
FIELDS ARE SUBCON-
SCIOUSLY
ADHERED
TO MINE.

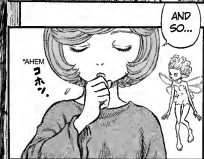
TO A CERTAIN
EXTENT,
EVERY HUMAN
IS CAPABLE OF
DIRECTLY
EXCHANGING
THOUGHTS.
JUST FOR THAT,
IT IS NECESSARY
TO CONNECT
THEIR OD...
THEIR SPIRITUAL
MAGNETISM.

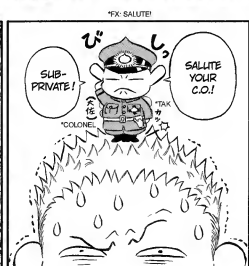
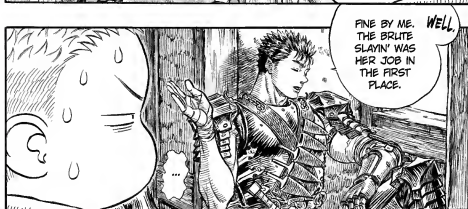


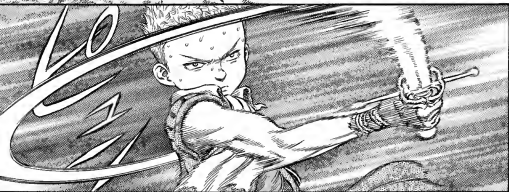
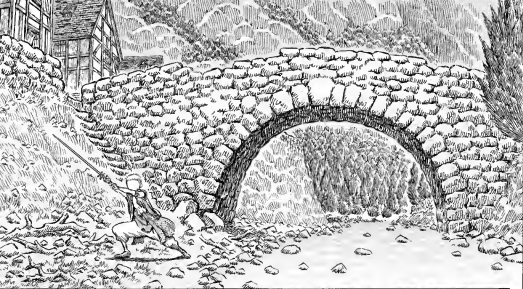
I CAN
TALK
THE
MINDS
SOME-
THING

UNTIL YOU ARE ACCUSTOMED,
PLEASE SOUND OUT THE
WORDS DISTINCTLY IN YOUR
MIND. IF YOU MASTER
THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE,
THE COMMUNICATION OF
INTENT FAR BEYOND THAT
OF NORMAL CONVERSATION
BECOMES POSSIBLE.









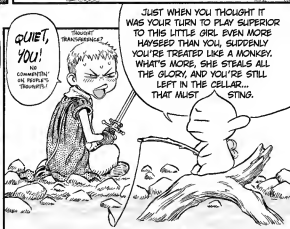
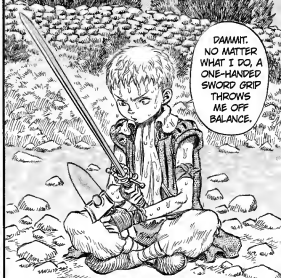
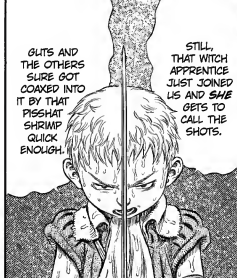
*FX: SHINN



*TOTTER

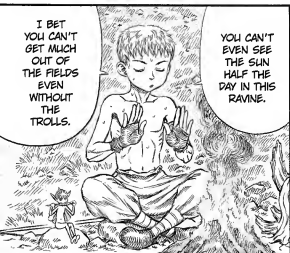


*SPLASH



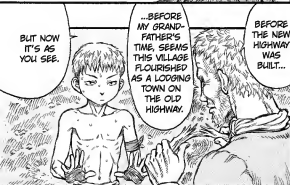


*FX: SNAP



I BET
YOU CAN'T
GET MUCH
OUT OF
THE FIELDS
EVEN
WITHOUT
THE
TROLLS.

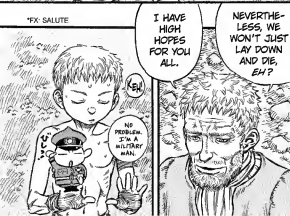
YOU CAN'T
EVEN SEE
THE SUN
HALF THE
DAY IN THIS
RAVINE.



BUT NOW
IT'S AS
YOU SEE.

...BEFORE
MY GRAND-
FATHER'S
TIME, SEEMS
THIS VILLAGE
FLOURISHED
AS A LODGING
TOWN ON
THE OLD
HIGHWAY.

BEFORE
THE NEW
HIGHWAY
WAS
BUILT...



*FX: SALUTE

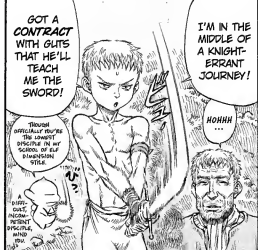
I HAVE
HIGH
HOPES
FOR YOU
ALL.

NEVERTHE-
LESS, WE
WON'T JUST
LAY DOWN
AND DIE,
EH?

NO
PROBLEM.
I'M A
MILITARY
MAN.



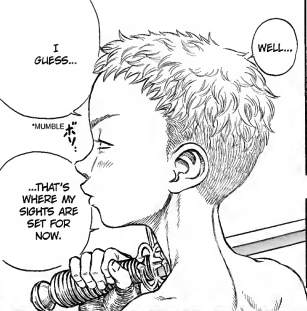
THIS SURE
IS ONE
SHABBY
VILLAGE,
THOUGH.



*FX: SWP

*FX: VYNN





I
GUESS...

WELL...

"MUMBLE"
ハム!

...THAT'S
WHERE MY
SIGHTS ARE
SET FOR
NOW.



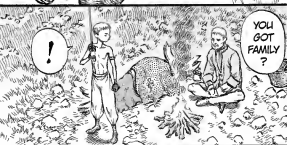
NAH,
I DON'T
LIKE
THAT
WORD.

ADMIRE
?

YOU ...?
SURE
ADMIRE
HIM.



.....



YOU
GOT
FAMILY
?



AND PERHAPS
FOR NOW I'M
HIS MASTER,
YOU'D SAY!

ALREADY
WENT
INTO THE
DARK
SIDE,
THAT
YOUNG
ONE IS.

REALLY
NOW...

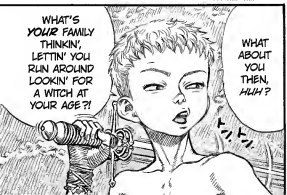


YOU'RE A
STRANGER.
WHY SHOULD
YOU CARE?!

WHO
CARES ABOUT
THAT?!

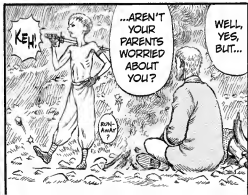
FEH!

*FX TMP TMP



WHAT'S
YOUR FAMILY
THINKIN',
LETTIN' YOU
RUN AROUND
LOOKIN' FOR
A WITCH AT
YOUR AGE?!

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU
THEN,
HUH?!



KEH!

...AREN'T
YOUR
PARENTS
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU?

WELL,
YES,
BUT...

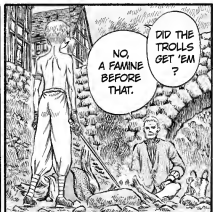
Run-
Amok?

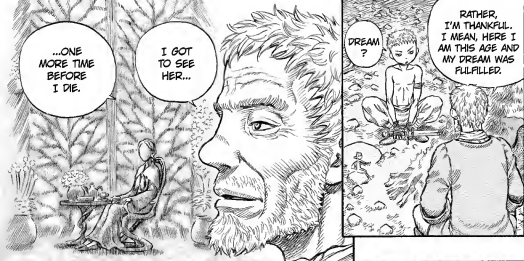


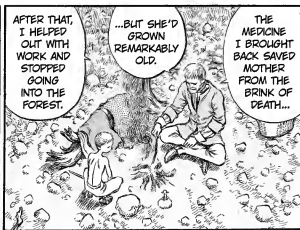
*FX. VNN VYNN



*FX. HEH HEH HEH







LINCHANGED,
AS SHE
USED TO
BE...

THAT
ALONE WAS
ENOUGH
FOR ME.

SHE
WAITED
FOR ME,
THOUGH.

DEEP
INSIDE THAT
FOREST...

A LONG
TIME'S PASSED,
AND AFTER SO
MUCH NORMAL
LIVING, MY
MEMORY'S
GROWN VAGUE.

BUT IT ALWAYS
STAYED STUCK
IN MY HEART.

THE ONE
ADVENTURE
I HAD.

WHETHER OR
NOT IT REALLY
HAPPENED...

*FX: LUNGE

DON'T TALK
ABOUT THE
GOOD OL'
DEPRESSIN'
DAYS !!

NOW'S
A TIME
FOR THE
YOUNG
!!

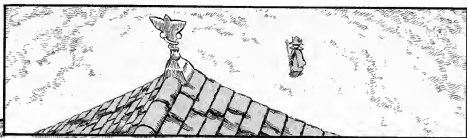
GOOD
GRIEF,
KID. THESE
DAYS.

ENOUGH
WITH THE
CRAPPY
STORY !!

DON'T LUMP
YOURSELF
WITH ME
WHEN I'M
CARRYIN'
OUT MY
GOALS !!

YOU GREW
ANCIENT IN THIS
RUSTIC LITTLE
VILLAGE HOLDIN'
ON TO YOUR
PRETTY LITTLE
DREAM !!





I DON'T
LIKE THIS
PLACE.



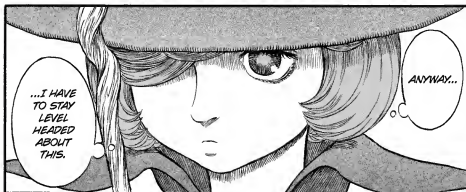
THIS IS
THE ONLY
PLACE TO
SET UP.

SO
YEAH...



...IF THE
VILLAGERS
HOLD UP,
IT WILL
PROBABLY
BE HERE.

WHEN
THE
TROLLS
ATTACK...



...I HAVE
TO STAY
LEVEL
HEADED
ABOUT
THIS.

ANYWAY...



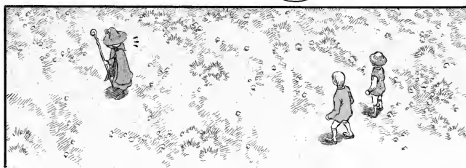
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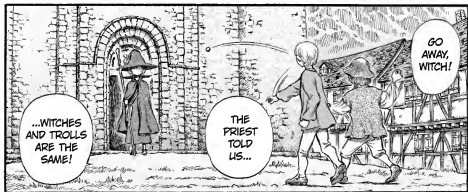
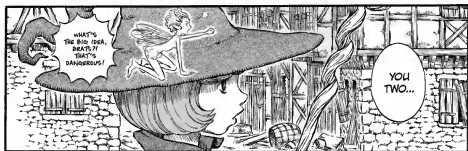


BUT...

...THE
CHURCH
WAS
BUILT...

...THIS
PLACE
WHERE
...

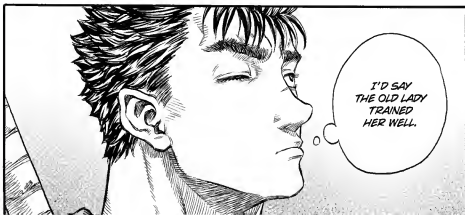
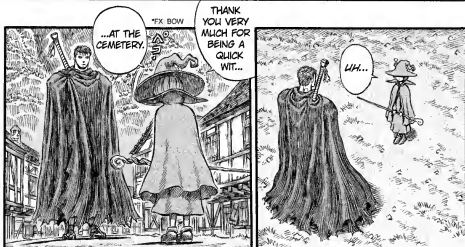


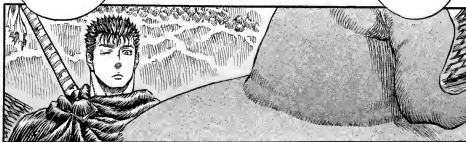
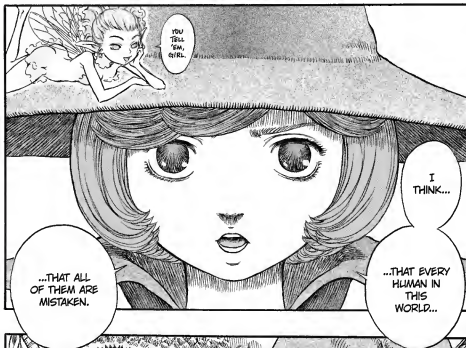


*FX GCHAK











...A SHRINE
TO THE
SPIRITS
OF THIS
LAND.

IT USED
TO BE...

THIS
HILL UPON
WHICH THIS
CHURCH IS
BUILT...



...THE SACRED
PLACES OF THE
SPIRIT FAITH
WHERE THEY
WERE BUILT.

MANY
OF THE
HOLY SEE'S
CHURCHES
ARE THAT
WAY...
LITERALLY
CRUSHING...



...IS NOTHING
MORE THAN A
TOOL BY WHICH TO
DISPLAY ITS OWN
POLITICAL POWER.

THE CURRENT
DOCTRINE OF
THE HOLY
SEE...



PEOPLE
INVOKE THE
NAME OF GOD
WHEN GOING
TO WAR.

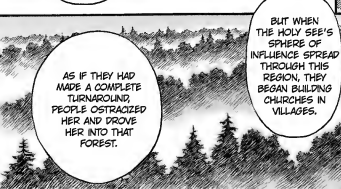
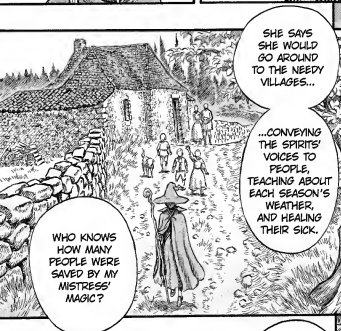
THEY INVOKE
THE NAME OF
GOD WHEN
SEEKING
SALVATION.

OVER
AND OVER,
NEVER
TIRING.

**FALCON OF THE
MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC
THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER**

TROLL RAID

トロール
獣鬼襲来





I CANNOT
FORGIVE
THEM.

IF NOT FOR
MY MISTRESS'
COMMAND,
WHO WOULD
BOTHR
WITH SUCH
A PLACE?

AND
NOW...



...ALMOST
AS IF
NOTHING
HAPPENED...

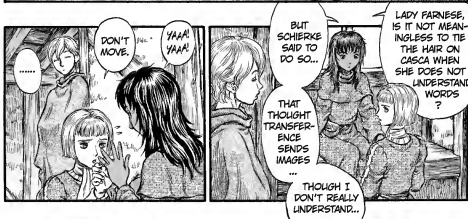
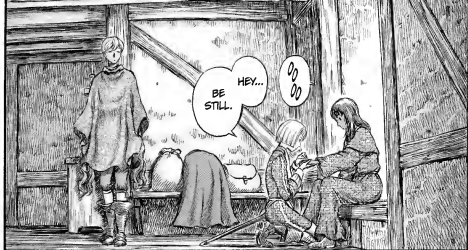
SINCE
THEN MY
MISTRESS
HAS LIVED
THERE...

...AS IF
AVOIDING
PEOPLE'S
EYES AND
HIDING.





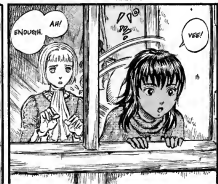




*FX: FLINCH



*FX: LUNGE







SPIRITS OF
WIND...



*FX. BTAM



BLOWING
ANYWHERE AND
EVERYWHERE...

...FETTERED
TO NOTHING...



THEY ARE
WHAT IS
MOST ALIEN
TO ME.

IT IS
IRONIC.



*FX: VYUUUUU

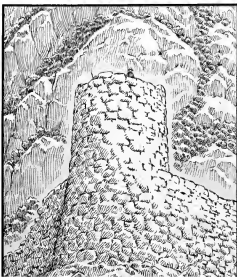


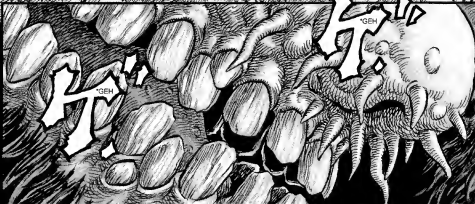
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*FX- CAWWWW CAWWWW









IT'S A HUGE
PACK OF
TROLLS!!

EVERYONE
TO THE
CHURCH!!



ANYWAY, LET
US GO TO
THE CHURCH.
ALL THE VIL-
LAGERS ARE
GATHERING
THERE.

WE DID,
TOO.

I GOT THAT
THOUGHT TRANS-
FERENCE ALREADY!
SURE IS HANDY!
CREEPY,
THOUGH!

*FX DSSH







SPIRITS...
SPIRITS...



REMEMBER
SCHIERKE'S
WORDS
!!

SERPICO
!!

OR...
THAT'S
RIGHT.

BE
PRECISE!



IMAGE...
IMAGE...

U
M
M
M
...



YES...

IT FELT
LIKE THIS.



IGHH!!

AGHH!!

WHOA!
HERE THEY
COME!



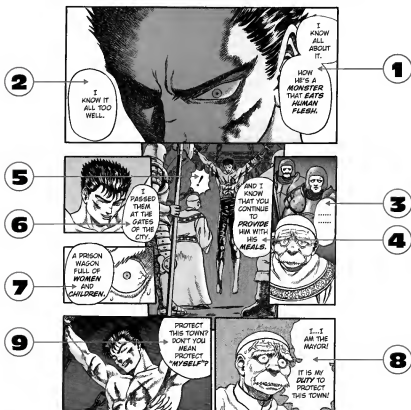
I AM
DEPENDING
UPON YOU,
SPIRITS
!!



STOP

This is the back of the book!

This manga collection is translated into English but oriented in right-to-left reading format at the creator's request, maintaining the artwork's visual orientation as originally published in Japan. If you've never read manga in this way before, take a look at the diagram below to give yourself an idea of how to go about it. Basically, you'll be starting in the upper right corner and will read each balloon and panel moving right to left. It may take some getting used to, but you should get the hang of it very quickly. Have fun!



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BERSERK

**KENTARO
MIURA**

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三浦建太郎

Desperate to find a sanctuary where his lover, Casca, will be safe from the demons drawn to her Brand of Sacrifice, Guts the Black Swordsman pushes his motley band of followers onward toward fairy Puck's homeland, Elfheim. With new allies who make their home in a mystically guarded woodland paradise, Guts' goal seems within reach, but danger lurks in the shadows of even the most dazzling utopias, and even fairy witchery may not protect Guts and his companions from an army of marauding, murderous trolls!

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is a runaway manga locomotive, a crashing colossus of teeth-rattling action, spine-chilling horror, and taboo-breaking humor that fires the boilers of its devoted devotees and just fires the rest. Ashes to ashes!

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